



Segmenting Material Sources

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This article is intended to give a head start to those who desire to construct segmented blanks. Many materials can be found in local hardware stores, hobby shops, arts and craft stores and your own home.

Wood veneers, Plastic sheets, PVC hotel/credit/gift cards, tin/aluminum cans, chimney flashing, good quality paper card stock, metal craft sheets, as well as cut wood from boards or larger blanks. In each case, the tools you have, the skills you have, and your creativity are the only restrictions to what you can accomplish.

Additionally, looking to purchase specific materials intended for segmenting may lead you to online searches utilizing internet search engines. In that case, it is important to realize that the search keywords are important. Some vendors will have items in stock, some will not carry what you are looking for, some may have exactly what you want but have a different name for that item. Flexibility is a key to finding what you want to purchase.

Below is a list of potential keywords - there certainly are many more. And I have compiled a list of sources for specific categories. I have checked each link and *they are accurate as of 9/12/2023*.

It should be expected that over time some sources will disappear, others will come into existence; materials will also change. Many sources have both metal and plastics. The category 'plastic' is used loosely as from the days of Bakelite forward (1909) there are dozens of related synthetic and semi-synthetic materials.

As always, safety and health concerns are crucial when cutting, drilling, turning and sanding any of these materials.

I have no allegiance to any of these sources. This list is a result of my own efforts to do segmenting, suggestions from other IAP members and a recent online search of these keywords and checking each individual site. By no means is this inclusive; it is just a starting point.

Additional helpful input came from IAP posts from members: magpens, JTTheclockman, dogcatcher, FGarbrecht, hewunch and walshjp17.

Online Search Keywords:

- Billiard repair supplies
- Celluloid sheets
- Craft supplies
- Hobby supplies
- Knife Making supplies
- Metal sheets
- Pick guard
- Pick guard sheets
- Pick guard strips
- Plastic sheets
- Polystyrene sheets
- Scale Model building supplies
- Styrene
- Veneer
- Wood veneers

Wood Veneers:

- www.cueveneer.com
- www.dyed-veneer.com (B & B Rare Woods). Natural, dyed, thin, thick.
- www.rockler.com (Sauers and others)
- www.shipleysoutdoors.com
- www.sveneers.com (Sauers)
- www.woodcraft.com (Sauers)
- www.woodturnerscatalog.com

Styrene/Plastic/Misc:

- atlassupplies.com
- www.alphacard.com (Blank, colored PVC credit card packs)
- www.beartoothwoods.com (Gisi Designs Segmenting Sheets/Accents - 3" x 6")
- www.delviesplastics.com
- www.dickblick.com
- www.evergreenscalemodels.com
- www.exoticblanks.com (Pickguard plastic laminate)
- www.guitarfetish.com
- www.hobbylobby.com
- www.knifemaking.com (Spacer materials)
- www.makermaterialsupply.com
- www.oakridgehobbies.com
- www.pickpunch.com
- www.plasticareinc.com
- www.stewmac.com
- www.texasknife.com (Spacer materials)
- www.woodturnerscatalog.com (Pickguard laminate strips)

Metals:

- www.hobbylinc.com
- www.ksmetals.com (K & S Precision Metals: Sold at hardware, building supply and hobby stores/sites.)
- www.onlinemetals.com
- www.riogrande.com
- www.speedymetals.com
- www.whimsie.com

Combination of Materials

Ace Hardware, Hobby Lobby, Lowes, Home Depot, Menards, Michaels, Blick Art Materials, etc.

Finally, I would certainly recommend checking for materials with the noted vendor list compiled by Wayne from IAP membership input:

- www.penturners.org/resources/world-wide-pen-suppliersrevised-7-20-2023.464