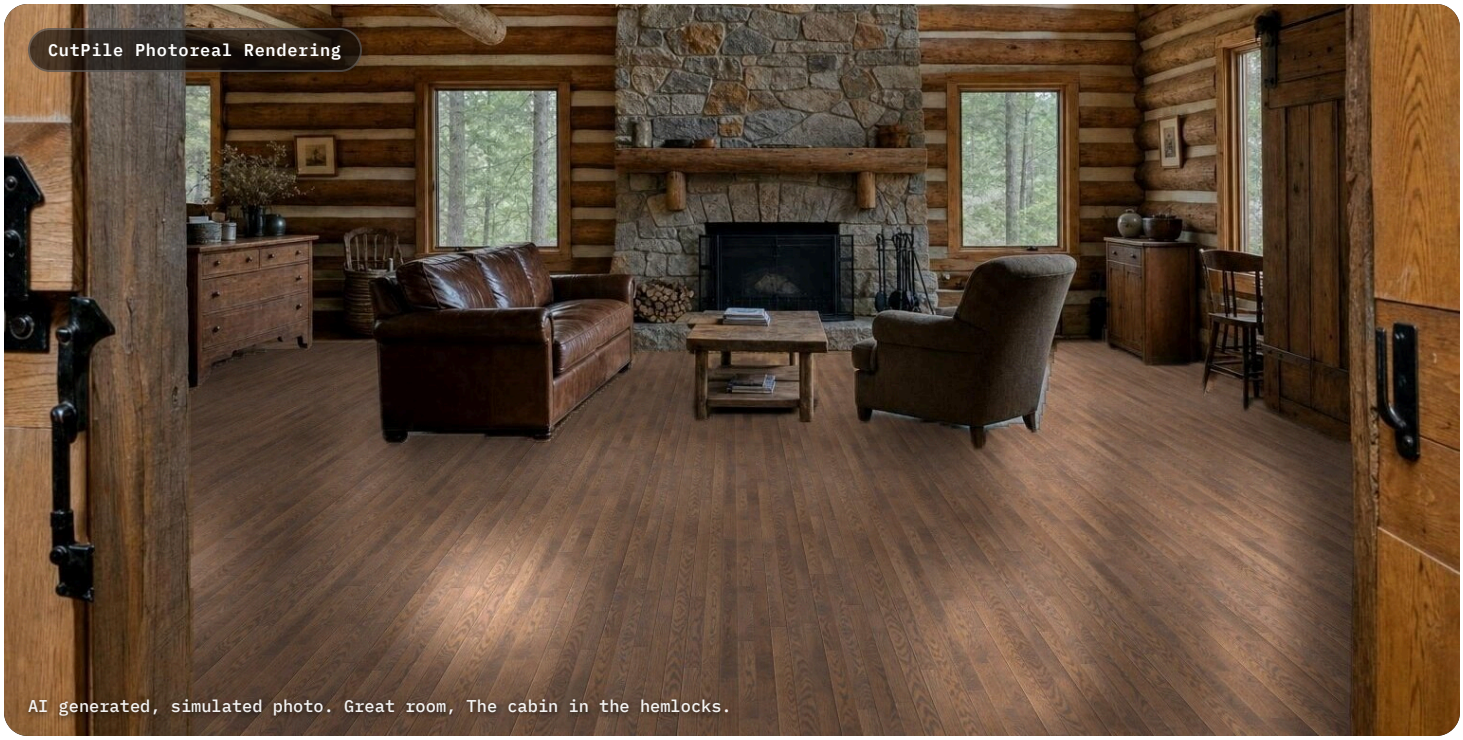
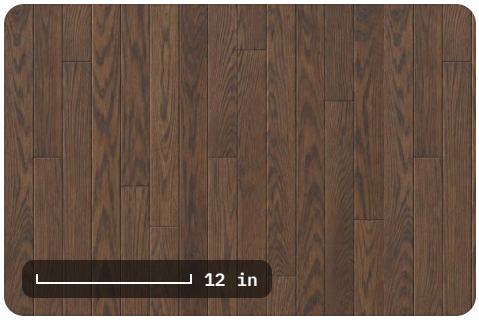
Dark Walnut in a traditional room

Dark Walnut, a DuraSeal stain, is a dark stain on red oak with an amber undertone (measured from its own picture: LRV 8). Here it is with Palladian Blue walls, Alabaster trim and Upward on the cabinets, chosen by the numbers.









THE PALETTE

THE FLOOR	WALLS	TRIM	CABINETS	WOOD
Dark Walnut LRV 8	**Palladian Blue** Benjamin Moore HC-144 LRV 60.4	**Alabaster** Sherwin-Williams SW 7008 LRV 82.2	**Upward** Sherwin-Williams SW 6239 LRV 57.4	**A honey tone** Like our Cherry stain sample

DuraSeal

Dark Walnut

DuraSeal stain on red oak

Stain · on red oak · 2-1/4 in strip

The stain, its price and samples: **powellflooring.com/sherwin-williams-minwax-duraseal-stain-colors/dark-walnut**

WALLS, TRIM AND CABINETS

WALLS
Palladian Blue
Benjamin Moore HC-144 · LRV 60.4 · +52 from the floor
Its undertone leans green (hue 163°), which quiets the orange in Dark Walnut (hue 59°) instead of echoing it.

OR WALLS
Sea Salt
Sherwin-Williams SW 6204 · LRV 63.2 · +55 from the floor
Its undertone leans green (hue 133°), which quiets the orange in Dark Walnut (hue 59°) instead of echoing it.

TRIM AND CEILINGS
Alabaster
Sherwin-Williams SW 7008 · LRV 82.2 · +74 from the floor
74 points over Dark Walnut in LRV and warm enough (chroma 5.3) to read white, not blue, beside its amber undertone.

CABINETS
Upward
Sherwin-Williams SW 6239 · LRV 57.4 · +49 from the floor
A light color with some life in it, so cabinets float off Dark Walnut (a 49 point step in LRV).

Cabinets in Upward or Alabaster: a dark floor needs light cabinets to float above it.

THE FLOOR, MEASURED

LRV	LIGHTNESS L*	UNDERTONE	HUE
8	35	Amber	59°

An amber undertone, warm and a little orange. LRV is light reflectance value: 0 is black, 100 is white. A wall within 30 points of the floor blurs into it (BS 8300).

WOOD, RUGS AND METALS

A step lighter: a honey tone
About 17 points lighter than Dark Walnut in L* (51 against 35). Like our Cherry stain sample.

Tone on tone: mushroom
7 in chroma, half the warmth of Dark Walnut (15), and 28 points lighter in L*.

Across the wheel: eucalyptus
Hue 239°, straight across the color wheel from the 59° of Dark Walnut, softened to balance it.

Grounding: fog gray
A light note at L* 80, 45 points from the 35 of Dark Walnut, so a rug keeps its edge.

Unlacquered brass
A warm metal that agrees with the amber undertone of Dark Walnut (hue 59°).

Aged brass
A second warm metal in a worn finish, so the brass beside Palladian Blue walls never looks new and loud.

Matte black
Black works with every undertone; beside Dark Walnut at LRV 8 it gives the room its outline.

ROOM BY ROOM

- **Living room** Palladian Blue walls, Alabaster trim and crown, a patterned rug in eucalyptus and fog gray on the Dark Walnut floor, furniture in a honey tone, unlacquered brass lamps.
- **Kitchen** Cabinets in Upward so they float off the Dark Walnut floor, Alabaster walls and trim, aged brass pulls.
- **Dining room** Sea Salt walls, a table in a honey tone, chairs in mushroom, an unlacquered brass chandelier.
- **Bedroom** Palladian Blue walls, mushroom bedding, a eucalyptus throw, nightstands in a honey tone.

WHAT TO AVOID

- Walls at the lightness of Dark Walnut: Hale Navy (Benjamin Moore HC-154, LRV 8.4) sits within a point of its LRV of 8, so wall and floor would blur into one.
- Wood that almost matches Dark Walnut: a tone like our Espresso sample, 1.4 apart (CIEDE2000), reads as a near miss. Go clearly darker or lighter.
- Pink or peach beige walls: they pull more orange out of the amber undertone of Dark Walnut (hue 59°).

THE ROOM IT SUITS

At LRV 8, Dark Walnut is dark: it is at its best in a big room with good light and warm lamps, and it shows dust, pet hair and fine scratches more than a mid tone.

At 2.25 inches a board, Dark Walnut lays about 64 boards across a 12 foot room, the busy, tailored look of a classic strip floor.

A sand and finish of red oak strip floors in any room above grade.

Hardness: Northern red oak: Janka 1,290 lbf

Finish: Stain on site, then clear coats

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