

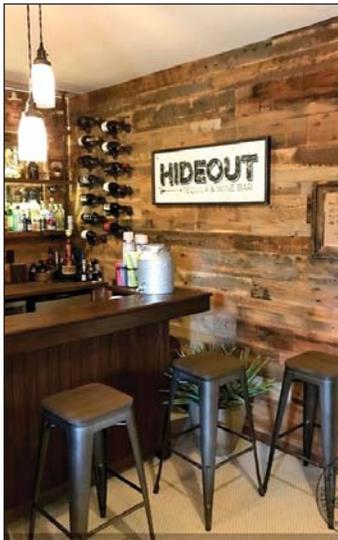
Reclaimed Lumber Products

Nampa, Idaho

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RLP began by making unique, high quality doors, and today is an artist in reclaimed millwork.



A welcoming atmosphere is created by the wood tones of the reclaimed wall paneling.



Hardwood flooring has terrific character and will last a lifetime.

Reclaimed Lumber Products (RLP) is a company with an appreciation for the past and giving historic wood a new life. They have set out to produce heirloom quality products that become a focal point or conversation piece for the owners, produced from reclaimed materials. There's something about an item that has already lived one life that gives it an age and patina that is tough to be reproduced on the mass produced level. While reclaimed materials are the company's specialty, RLP functions as a full millwork shop and works in virgin wood and metal to meet each customer's need.

The company was founded in 2003, by Titus Gilliam. At that time, Gilliam was working as a general contractor, building high end spec homes in the Boise market. He soon became a leader in the Energy Star program. Along the way, he became tired of the typical finishes everyone seemed to be using at the time. So he built his own custom door package for a spec home from barn wood. The house sold the day the doors were installed. We all know what happened to the building industry around that time. Requests for well built homes dried up but requests for the beautiful doors kept coming. Gilliam started his own manufacturing facility in 2005, which has now evolved into a full line of reclaimed lumber products.

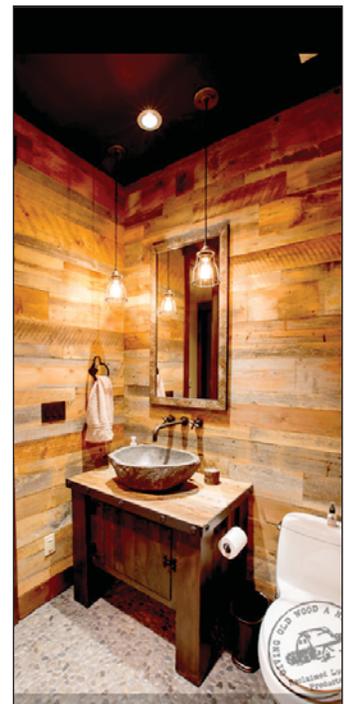
As many will tell you, old wood comes with a host of problems and can be tough to work with; bugs, rot, spilt edges, warp, nails, the list goes on. RLP has designed a full manufacturing process for working with those challenges to deliver a stable, quality piece while maintaining the beauty of an aged product.

Most materials come from barns in the Northwest. In their early days, Titus, his wife and a few family members headed out to contact ranchers and farmers that had barns starting to fall down. Titus would work directly with the farmer to get the barn down. In exchange for the lumber, RLP sometimes made a table or front door for the family from their barn wood so they could keep a little bit of that history. As the company has grown, their crews are now busy making the product and it is hard to find time and staff to get out and salvage the barns. As such, they have gone to sourcing their materials on a larger level. Anything with unpainted lumber that might have been destined for destruction is considered—it just needs to be down. They don't have the time to salvage it themselves anymore.

As they have grown, RLP has lost a few of the stories from the wood they purchase, however each stick of lumber still tells a story. Its denailers know they are working on something with over 100 years of history when they are pulling square nails out of the wood. A favorite story was when the metal detectors found a bullet in a board. There was no entrance "wound" so it had to have been shot into the tree while it was still growing.



RLP can create a craftsman quality door for any opening.



This little powder room just cries out with a touch of history.

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Think of the history as that tree was logged, milled into rough cut lumber, used to build a barn, lived 100 years as barn wood and now has a new home in a fully engineered entry door system or sliding barn door.

There are advantages to using reclaimed lumber: stability and dry material, beauty that cannot be manmade or duplicated, individual, unique, tight grain, responsible use of resources, saving materials from being wasted, points for LEED certification from USGBC, made local entirely in the USA with American employees and materials, species, and grading that are not commercially available, and timeless beauty like an art piece.

Just like the Barbara Mandrell song, RLP was “green” before “green” became cool! They didn’t just set out to invent a product to be part of the green movement after it took off. RLP had been doing the right thing



Flooring, rugged and distinctive mixed hardwoods of reclaimed and engineered wood.



The texture and color of the reclaimed wall paneling soften the clean modern/industrial lines of the kitchen and interior.

Another hot trend right now is the reclaimed wood wall. RLP was one of the first to market with a paneling product that can be shipped anywhere in the USA. The customer gets the beauty of a 100% reclaimed lumber wall without all the headaches of working with old lumber. Plus they offer free shipping.

RLP is a family business with a core group of employees that they greatly appreciate. In this tight labor market, they are always hiring but they stick to a strict set of standards for all potential applicants. Their culture seems to be one of hiring unskilled prospects and having them grow with the company verses looking for someone with specific millwork or lumber experience. Every staff person currently working at RLP started at the bottom pulling nails and pressure washing manure covered boards before moving up to the detail work.

In preparing for this article, the folks at RLP were quick to point out what a terrific resource TPM has been for their company. “We have used and truly value the full range of services offered by TPM,” states Gilliam.

all along by building energy efficient, sustainable homes and reusing materials. The original purpose to build doors from barn boards was not necessarily to be part of the green building movement, but rather, the wood was so beautiful that customers loved the results. Since its doors are made entirely from recycled content, they contribute to LEED points such as recycled content and low VOC product. Whether a customer is building under the USGBC or the NAHB program, Reclaimed Lumber can make green building materials to suit the project’s needs.

The full scope of RLP’s products can be viewed and ordered off their website at www.reclaimedlumberproducts.com. Current hot items include a low profile barn door hardware system. Everyone loves the sliding barn door look that you see everywhere right now. However in many older homes there is just not enough room between the top of the door and the ceiling to install the track system. This system is specifically designed for those low clearance situations.



RLP has fully embraced the “barn door “ concept and specializes in the hardware needed for this type of treatment.

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