

Custom Order Canoe Paddles

by Winnebago Paddles

Standard Package (\$200): Our standard custom order package encompasses the majority paddle designs throughout our website. If you like the wood coloration of one paddle, but the design of another, we can easily swap and make something that best suits your needs. Here are just a few samples that would be included in this package:



Premium Package (\$225+): Design styles involving added complexity or expensive wood species are included within our premium custom order package (some restrictions may apply). Some examples are:



Don't let these designs limit you; we love challenges and are willing to try anything! Check out our [GALLERY](#) and [ARCHIVES](#) for other ideas!

Paddle Length: There are several formulas available to help with paddle length. In our experience, more than 75% of paddlers prefer something in the 56"-58" range. If you have a smaller torso, however, you may prefer a slightly shorter paddle. Conversely, if you have a larger torso or a higher seat in your canoe you may prefer 60" or larger. For bent shaft paddles, you'll also find many opinions, but most people prefer a 50"-52" paddle.

Blade Type: We highlight four blade types here but are more than happy to accommodate other shapes and styles according to your needs.

Ottertail

The taper of the ottertail blade makes it's entry and exit from the water quieter and more efficient. Although it doesn't steer quiet as well as wider blades, it's easy to handle. It's also good for deep water and solo paddling.



Beavertail

This is your classic recreational paddle. With it's larger blade surface, it catches slightly more water making larger strokes more efficient. This is the perfect paddle design for casual paddling around the lake.



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We created this design to combine the maneuverability of the beavertail with the pulling power of the sugar island. We make this paddle slightly blade heavy, so it packs some serious power for fighting headwinds.



Sugar Island

This is the widest blade we offer and is an ideal paddle for rivers and shallow water canoeing. The increased surface area of the sugar island still achieves a smooth stroke, but does so without having to enter the water too deeply.



Grip Type: Grips are all about comfort. In our experience, palm grips fit naturally and ergonomically to a paddler's hand to offer the best combination of comfort and control. We offer two variations: the symmetrical and asymmetrical palm. The symmetrical palm is ideal for beginning paddlers because it is well-balanced and interchangeable stroke-by-stroke. The asymmetrical palm grips offers slightly better control while still enabling you to flip the paddle to disperse pressure on tired hands.

Shaft Type:

Straight Shaft: These paddles tend to be more popular with beginners. If a paddler is doing more technical paddling (whitewater), or if they need to use both sides of the paddle relatively quickly, a straight shaft is preferred.

Bent Shaft (\$25/paddle): These paddles were designed to be more ergonomic and require less effort with each stroke. For open, flat water paddling (touring), the bent shaft can be a way to improve your paddling stroke, so as to save some energy. Beyond the ergonomic benefits, bent shaft paddles are also lighter because of the relative size difference from straight shaft paddles. They are most commonly found in 12° or 14° variations, but we can accommodate other requests as well.

Finishing: We can do a number of different finishes, but we highlight two as our primary options.

Natural: This finish highlights the raw beauty of the wood. While this finish lacks the shine of a gloss paddle, you'll appreciate the natural softness in the wood while out on the water. A drawback of this finish is that it doesn't offer the same amount of protection, but many prefer this connection to the wood. This finish also requires more maintenance over time. The process for these paddles is several coats of a combination of satin marine grade spar varnish, linseed oil, and mineral spirits.

High Gloss: The Mercedes Benz of finishes (literally – we apply the same polish used in Mercedes plants in Germany)! This is our go to finish for most of the paddles on our site because it offers a great combination of strength, function, and beauty. This process uses a shellac base coat, followed by nonblush epoxy and UV protectant spar varnish. To top it off, we use a progression of silicon carbide polishing pads up to 4000 grit and imported polish to obtain a deep, rich, and blemish-free gloss that has no equal!

Add-on Features:

Fiberglass (\$25/paddle): 4oz fiberglass adds extra protection to the blade and prolongs paddle life.

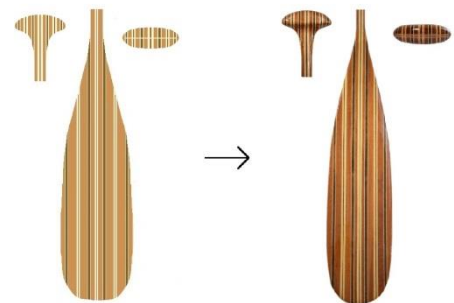
Tip protection (\$25/paddle): A silica thickened epoxy tip is recommended for use in shallow waters where the bottom of your paddle is likely to wear more quickly.

Laser Engraving (\$50+/paddle): Initials, names, and images can be burned right on to your paddle with our laser engraver. Prices vary depending on complexity.

CNC Engraving (\$50+/paddle): Pictures and artwork can also be carved directly into a paddle using our highly detailed rotary engraver. Prices vary depending on complexity.

Rush Delivery (\$50/paddle): Need your paddle(s) quick? Move to the front of our queue and get your paddles in as little as two weeks.

Blueprints: We often make blueprints when working with our customers on designs. Sometimes people know exactly what they want and a blueprint isn't necessary, but if you want to get an idea of how your paddle will come to life, we are happy to help!

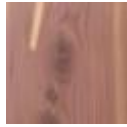


Wood Options:

This list is far from all inclusive, but it shows a number of the species that we can acquire and use. As noted below, some woods would increase the cost of a design, but most are generally included in our standard package. You can follow the links for more information about the woods.



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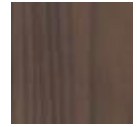
Aromatic Eastern
Red Cedar



Hickory



Maple



*East Indian
Rosewood



White Ash



Spanish Cedar



*Imbuia



*Marblewood



Sapele



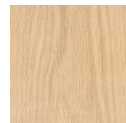
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Western
Red Cedar



Jatoba



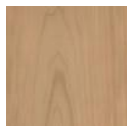
Red Oak



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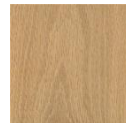
*Bocote



Cherry



*Leopardwood



White Oak



Walnut



Bubinga



*Cocobolo



African
Mahogany



African Padauk



*Wenge



Butternut



*African Ebony



Genuine
Mahogany



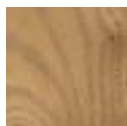
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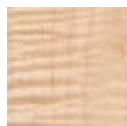
Yellowheart



*Canarywood



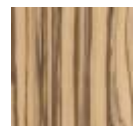
Red Elm



*Curly Maple



Purpleheart



*Zebrawood



*Redheart

*Extra costs may apply

Custom Order Services Order Form:

You can copy this information to our contact us page or email us directly at winnebagopaddles@gmail.com

Number of Paddles	
Paddle Length	
Blade Type (beavertail, ottertail, winnebago, sugar island)	
Shaft Type (straight, bent)	
Grip Type (asymmetrical, symmetrical)	
Finish (natural, high gloss)	
Add-ons (fiberglass, tip protection, laser engraving, CNC engraving, rush delivery)	
Design (Tell us your ideas! Is there anything you've seen that you like? A wood type that you want to use?)	
Other	

