



Cedar Homes

Many people would agree that cedar is one of the best types of wood material used to make houses and furniture. Cedar has always been a popular choice amongst architects even during ancient times. During these times when people have not discovered cement, the only option for a durable building material is lumber. Cedar is among the hardest and most durable material readily available for man's use. These qualities make it ideal to for use in the construction of cedar homes or cottages.

There are many other uses for quality lumber like cedar; homes are not the only buildings that use them in their construction. In fact, you can find in Jerusalem temples the cedar used as a construction material. It was in King Solomon's temple that they found out the abundant use of cedar in the temple's construction. Israel's neighbor country, Tyre, provided for the cedar used in the construction of King Solomon's temple.. King Hiram, the ruler of Tyre at that time, wanted to ally himself with King Solomon, thus he provided the cedar, workers and architects.

One of the reasons why King Hiram of Tyre sent cedar for the construction of King Solomon's temple was because he knew that cedar was capable of standing the test of time. He understood that an important structure such as the new home of the Ark of the Covenant needs the best building material available. This account is proof that even during ancient times; cedar was a trusted building material. As of now, there are thousands of cedar homes all over the world. These homes range from being small cottages on mountainsides, to large retreat houses made entirely out of cedar.

Cedar is such a great material because it does not interfere with the perfect scenery if you decide to build your home near the mountains, plains or valleys. However, even if you do not want to build your cedar homes near the mountains, cedar as a building material is capable of blending among any kind of wooded or natural environment. It would be a great idea to build in areas near lakes because cedar can adapt to any environment even the moist ones. In fact, many saunas are actually made of cedar because it not only acts as an insulator but it can also take the heat. This is another great thing about using cedar in

the construction home because it has a strong decay resistant property.

Earlier mentioned, cedar has a strong decay resistant property and to elaborate on this further, cedar contains natural oils that help prevent its decay. These oils help repel the moist thereby preventing bacteria from ever proliferating on the wood's surface. Insects are natural enemies of wood; their feeding and elimination activities greatly damage the wood's surface. Luckily, the same natural oils, which protect cedar from the moist, also help in preventing insect attacks. This makes Cedar homes popular among village people living near forested areas or areas with many insects.