



# FOREVER REDWOOD

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## MARIA'S TREE BENCHES



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## I. DESCRIPTION

We build each and every one of these great Tree Benches from only restoration forestry redwood. And just like the trees themselves, these benches are built to last. Rain, snow, heat, and daily use won't wear this bench down, and our overbuilt construction guarantees it. They are made to order, fully customized to your specs, by hand here in California. Maria's Tree Benches are thick, smooth, aesthetically pleasing, and as durable as they are comfortable.

- Soon to be a favorite in parks and public areas, this tree bench also finds its way into many yards as a lovely way to protect, enjoy and showcase your finer trees.
- Seats up to 8 people.
- **Materials to last a lifetime** - our extra thick, finely sanded Redwood that outlasts cedar/teak, stainless hardware and the best weather resistant sealants.
- **Quick simple assembly.** Ships in 18 parts with all stainless steel hardware included.
- [Wooden benches](#) handcrafted from Redwood.

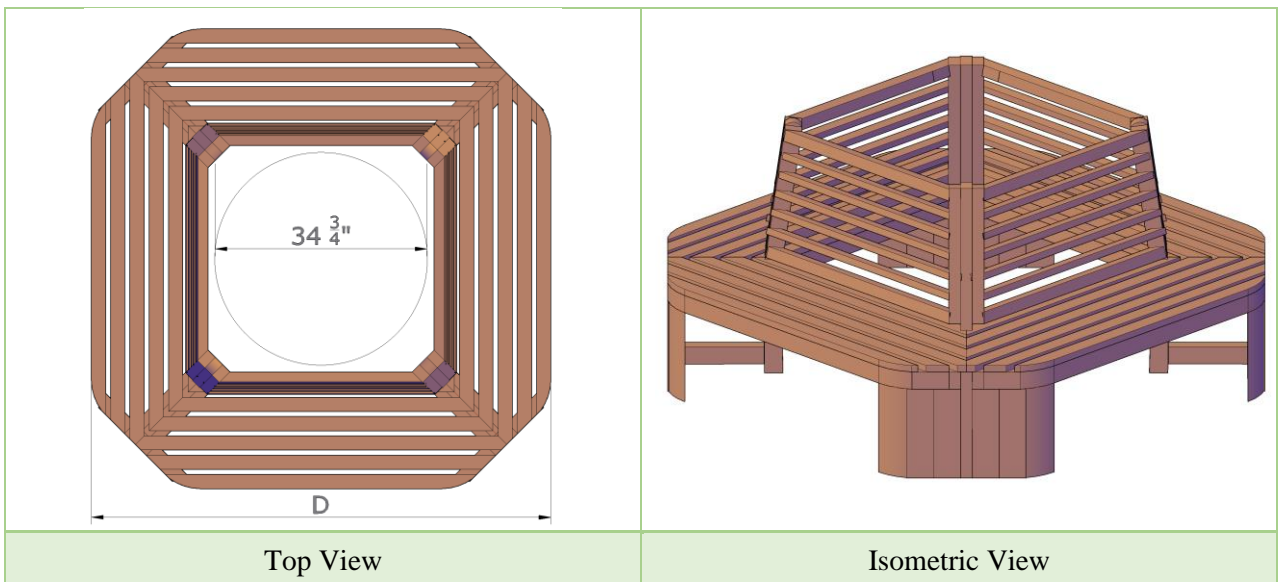
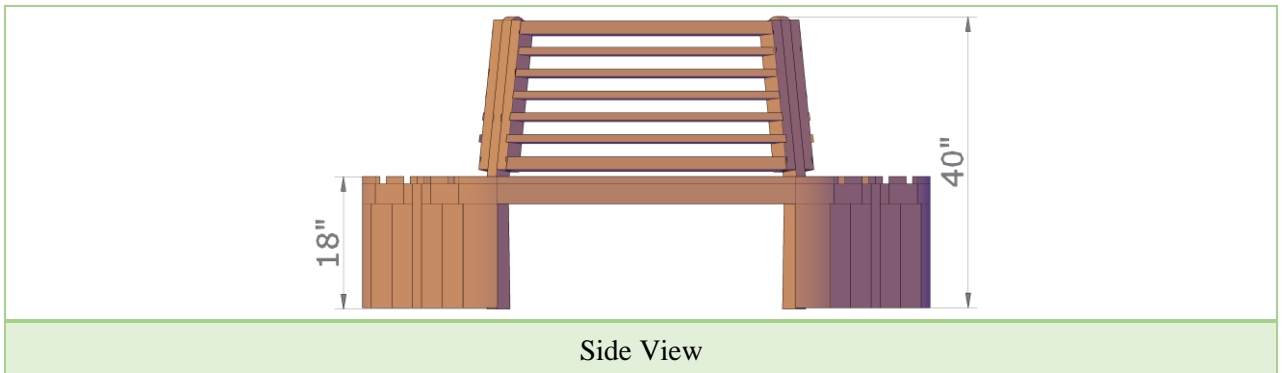
If you'd like to order your own custom version of Maria's Tree Bench, simply choose from the options at the top of the page. We can ship to you practically anywhere in the United States, and we make assembly simple with easily attachable wood planks and stainless steel bolts. Don't hesitate to contact us as soon as possible to find out more.

## II. SPECIFICATIONS

### A. Dimensions & Drawings

#### Maria's Tree Benches

- They are available in 6 ½ ft., 7 ½ ft., 8 ½ ft. & 10 ft. D.
- Seat is 18"H X 18 ¾"D
- Backrest is 40"H.



## B. Beverage Ledge

Add a Beverage Ledge to the top of your Tree Bench for a small additional charge.



Beverage Ledge

Sits behind and atop the backrest boards. It serves 2 purposes: it's a spot to place drinks or other things and it is added when you do not want a large opening in-between the tree and the backrest of your tree bench (For example, when the tree bench is ordered for young or small trees). The standard Beverage Ledge is 9" deep after including the backrest board it is attached to. It can be made in any width up to 15" for the same price. Just note in the Comments/Special Request section if you want a width other than 9".

### More Technical Details:

- **The 7 ft. Diameter Tree Benches** have a 27" opening behind the backrest prior to adding a Beverage Ledge. Adding a standard Beverage Ledge (9" deep) leaves a small opening of 5" in diameter. This may work for certain limited applications (like around a pole or thin masonry column or a tree you never expect to grow much).
- **The 8.5 ft. Diameter Tree Benches** have a 47" opening behind the backrest prior to adding a Beverage Ledge. Adding a standard Beverage Ledge (9" deep) leaves an opening of 29" in diameter. The opening can be adjusted downward at no extra cost by letting us know in the comment section the size of the opening you'd like after adding the Beverage Ledge. We'll make the Ledge to size to leave the opening size you requested.
- **The 10 ft. Diameter Tree Benches** have a 70" opening behind the backrest prior to adding a Beverage Ledge. Adding a standard Beverage Ledge (9" deep) leaves an opening of 52" in diameter. The opening can be adjusted downward at no extra cost by letting us know in the comment section the size of the opening you'd like after adding the Beverage Ledge. We'll make the Ledge to size to leave the opening size you requested.

## C. Custom Cushions

If you'd like a cushion for your chairs, please indicate this in the Advanced Options section. Standard cushions come in forest green however you also have the option to visit [Trivantage](#) to choose from the hundreds of outdoor fabrics they have for your cushion.



Massive Garden Bench with Cushion



Ruth Armchairs with Cushions

The most popular fabric choice over the years is the Forest Green. For this reason, we've made it our default fabric choice for all cushions. If you'd like a cushion in a color or pattern other than Forest Green, you can choose from thousands of fabrics by visiting our Sunbrella fabric partner Trivantage Upholstery Fabric at: <https://www.trivantage.com/fabric-upholstery>.

Just write the name and number of the fabric you'd like us to use to make your cushion in the comment box below the cushion selection. Most Sunbrella fabrics are under \$30/yard and are included in the cushion price. If you prefer a premium fabric over \$30/yard, the cost over \$30/yard will be manually added to your order total.

Trivantage fabric is made to sit out in the sun and not fade or fall apart for years. It's machine washable. Each cushion has a zipper so you can remove the foam and wash the fabric.

## D. Custom Engraving

Would you like to add a personal engraved message to your furniture?

Select "Custom Engraving" under Advanced Options. The engraving size we normally use translates to about 14 characters per foot. The default color for lettering is black. If you prefer a different color, let us know. There will be a small charge for changing the font color.

We will center the engraving on the top board of the backrest or the front of the seat trim of a backless bench unless you specify elsewhere. Please let us know your instructions on placement and line break(s) – if not specified, they will be placed at the shop's discretion.

If you'd like a particular font style, please send a Word or PDF document with the font, spacing, and the exact wording and punctuation you'd like. We will trace your document directly onto the wood. Send it to [info@foreverredwood.com](mailto:info@foreverredwood.com).

If you are undecided on your engraving message, and would prefer to send it after you place your order, just let us know in the comment box so we know to expect it later. Due to limitations of the engraving tool (we cut ¼" wide and ¼" deep into the wood), we may not be able to do certain fonts and will let you know if there is an issue.



Engraving

## E. Memorial Plaque Inlay

If you plan a plaque for your bench, we can inlay it for you at no extra charge. We don't order or make plaques. Once your plaque is made, ship it to Forever Redwood at 33800 Annapolis Rd., Annapolis, CA 95412. A local engraver can assist you with the Plaque details. If you cannot find a local engraver, we recommend the following engraver:

### **Jay's Engraving & Rubber Stamp Co.**

**Attention: Ms. Janet Gossage**

**3185 Cleveland Avenue Santa Rosa, CA 95403**

**707 542 3873**

[www.jaysengraving.com](http://www.jaysengraving.com)



Memorial Plaque

Be sure to let us know in the comments box that you will be sending a plaque for inlaying so we know to hold your bench until the plaque arrives. We will inlay your plaque in the center of the top backrest board, unless otherwise specified. If placed in this location, the plaque can be up to 3" H and any width you like. If there is no backrest (backless bench), we will place the plaque on the front trim piece of the seat unless you specify where you'd like the plaque placed.

**A popular and less expensive way to place a long lasting message on a bench or other piece of furniture is to have us engrave the message directly onto the wood (see Custom Engraving for more information).**



## F. Finish Options

All our furniture ships finely sanded to 220 grit for a smooth to the touch finish.

The most popular finish is our Transparent Premium Sealant. This sealant leaves your furniture looking natural and helps keep the beautiful wood surface colors from fading for several years. We use Sikkens brand finishes because they are the best finishes on the market. For more information about our finishes and how to keep your furniture looking great year after year, please go to: [Care & Finish](#).

### Unfinished (fine sanding only):



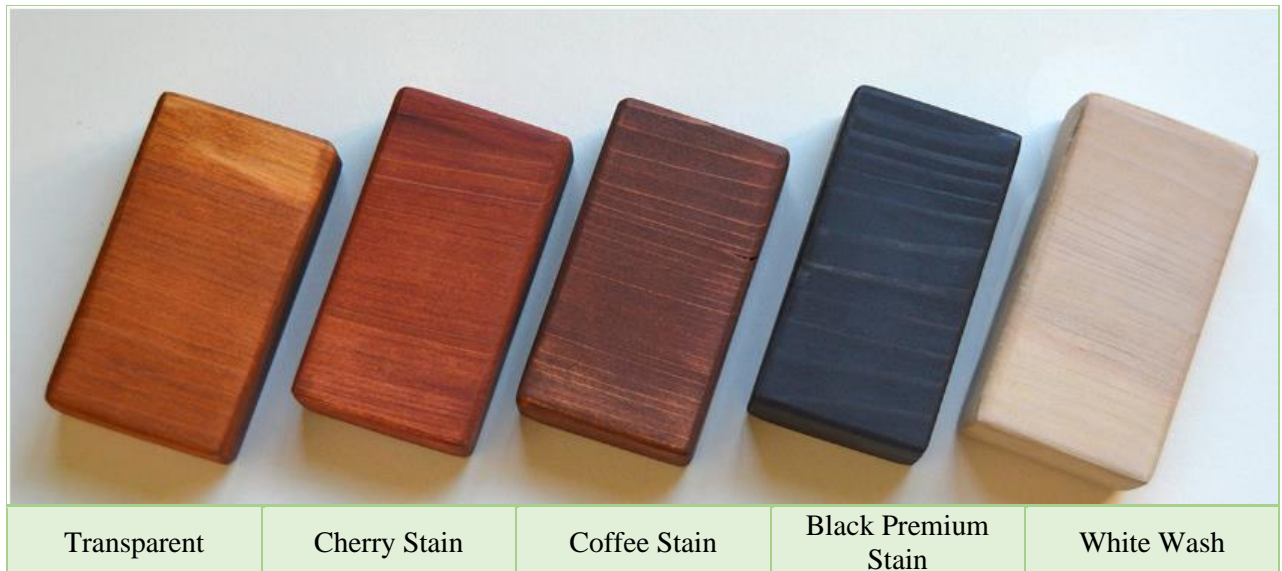
If you are applying your own stain or want the surface color to fade to a "weathered look" in a few months. We do not recommend you leave your furniture unfinished outdoors for any extended period regardless of wood quality. Outdoor weather changes constantly and it is best to at least seal the wood to protect it from consistently absorbing and losing moisture.

### Transparent Premium Sealant - Recommended for Outdoors:

Below are the 5 grades of wood we offer with the Transparent Premium Sealant applied. The color tones shown are close representations of the color your furniture will look like. There is no extra charge for the Transparent Premium Sealant:



We also offer the Transparent Premium Sealant with the following stains. There is a small charge for adding these stains because it increases the total amount of coats to 4 with the sealant as the final coats:





Here is how the Coffee Stain looks like on Redwood



Here is how the Cherry Stain looks like on Redwood



Here is how the Black Premium Stain looks like on Redwood



Here is how the White Wash looks like on Redwood

### Tiger Stripe Effect

Douglas-Fir when stained dark creates a "tiger stripe" effect as shown in this photo. It is beautiful and most customers love it. If you are looking for a dark consistent stain and do not want to see a "tiger stripe effect", please go with any of the Redwood grades for a more consistent stain finish.



### Primers

- **Off-White Oil-Based Primer:** If you are painting a light color. We apply two coats so that it is ready for one final coat.
- **Gray Oil-Based Primer:** If you are painting a darker color. We apply two coats so that it is ready for the final coat.

## III. ASSEMBLY & CARE

Assembly Instructions for: [Maria's Tree Benches](#)

### All You Need is a Few Tools and a Friend.

Assembly is best done by two people and usually takes about half a day to a day, depending on size. Pergolas need a ratchet wrench, a hammer and a ladder to put them together. In some cases, you might need a drill to attach the posts into concrete. As with all our products, we preassemble pergolas in our shop to ensure everything fits together. All hardware is included and all parts are clearly labeled before it is shipped. We also include detailed step-by-step instructions.

Take a look at our assembly instructions below for specific details. If you plan to pour concrete to hold the posts, the project will require an additional half day prior to assembly. Please do the concrete pour a few days prior to assembly to allow the concrete to cure.

## Installation Help.

Special talent is not required to re-assemble our pergolas. But, if you would like help, [just let us know](#). We have our own team for installations in California, Nevada and Southern Arizona and a network of local contractors we recommend for farther afield.

**Care:** Your Forever Redwood Furniture will last for decades in year-round weather without maintenance.

Depending on the wood grade you choose, even with harsh year-round outdoor conditions, you can expect your furniture to last from ten to forty years without maintenance of any kind.

Being outside year-round is rough on any woods finish. The surface absorbs UV rays, pollution, constant variations in moisture and temperature and it also oxidizes. This is why most wood just doesn't hold up and the surface color slowly changes towards a silver patina over the years. But, with Forever Redwood, you don't have to worry. The silver patina is surface deep only (less than 1/64") and is not indicative of decay. Your set will last decades and is not compromised in any way by the surface color change. For example, we keep our display items as is without refinishing to show off this natural aging (we like the patina!).

Although Forever Redwood is maintenance-free, we recommended you take a few minutes as needed to clean by either hosing down and/or brushing/dusting away accumulated debris (no soap or chemicals needed). If you'd like to keep your set looking its best for decades, please go to: [Care and Finish](#).

## IV. MATERIALS

The secret to outdoor longevity begins and ends with the wood. We use generous amounts of the most decay resistant wood available. We encourage our customers to compare photos of our items side by side with any competing product. Thickness counts. Furniture that is thin and light simply won't last in the year round weather.

To keep your furniture beautiful, we use only stainless steel hardware and the highest quality stains and sealants. We use only the Sickens brand of sealants.

Our primary customer has always been the homeowner that appreciates spending a bit more for quality that will last decades.

Our products are installed with organizations that appreciate longevity like the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. military installations, State and City parks, golf clubs and hotels.

We are favored by many landscape architects and contractors because they can count on exceptional quality and quick personal service to complete projects.

We build each item by hand. This insures your set is finely finished and carefully inspected. Old-fashioned hand building also allows us to adjust the size or design of any item to fit your needs.

Because we are a forestry company, we can offer 5 exceptional wood grades to choose from our carefully managed forests with warranties of up to 30 years against decay in any weather. [Click for more about our 5 wood grades.](#)

## V. WARRANTY

Wood decay is warranted up to 30 years depending on the wood grade. No other outdoor furniture manufacturer has warranties like this. The key is the excellent quality of our wood and the extra-thick timber designs of all our pieces.

### Wood Grades and Decay Warranty:

- Douglas-fir: 10 years
- Mosaic Eco-Wood: 10 years
- Redwood: 15 years
- Mature Redwood: 20 years
- Old-Growth Redwood: 30 years

Forever Redwood stands behind its products. We are committed to quickly resolving any issues that might occur. For more information please see our [Warranty](#) page.

## VI. SHIPPING

### We offer 4 Shipping Options in the U.S.:

- Rush Shipping (ships in 3 weeks).
- Priority Shipping (ships in 6 weeks).
- Standard Shipping (ships in 10 weeks).
- Free Shipping in the Continental U.S. (ships in 14 weeks).

### Notes for Orders requiring drawings or approvals:

All Shade Structure orders (Pergolas, Pavilions, Gazebos and Arbors) require drawings to make sure all details are agreed upon prior to building and to give our customers the ability to customize their structures to meet their needs. We also sometimes make custom changes to Swings, Planters, Benches, Tables and other standard production items per customer requests. If your order has a custom detail or is a shade structure, you will receive your first drawings via email within 5 business days of receiving your completed order with a deposit.

We will go back and forth with you as needed to fine tune the design to your liking prior to building it. Once you sign off on your drawings, your timeline for shipping will begin. Please keep this in mind. If you need a Rush Order and also drawings, it is best you call in your order so that we can organize ourselves to both complete your drawings on an expedited basis and meet your shipping deadline.

**Yes, you can have free shipping plus save 3% off your order!** We carefully hand build each Forever Redwood item. When you choose a longer ship out date, you give us more time to build. This lowers our cost and we pass the savings to you. If you choose the Wait & Save Shipping option and prefer we ship out on a specific date (up to 6 months in advance), just enter the date in the Comment Box at Checkout. If no note is included, we'll ship in 3 months.

Orders ship from San Diego, CA. Add 3 to 6 business days transit time (depending on location). We ship to any country. Canada orders ship in 6 weeks. To see Canadian shipping costs, just add item to cart.

For orders outside the U.S. or Canada, just enter your country in the shipping information section at checkout or in the shopping cart to see your freight cost. We ship outside the U.S. or Canada in 6 weeks. For all international shipments, the shipping companies handle any customs paperwork and then contact you to arrange delivery.

**Assembly Service Available Nationwide:** All orders over \$3,000. in size can choose to have Forever Redwood assemble for you. Just choose White Glove Service in the Shopping Cart or at Checkout. For more information on White Glove, please go to: [WHITE GLOVE](#).



If your artistically inclined, the crating makes a great canvas to:  
**Lion of the Tribe of Juda by Patricia Vallejo**



Some of the ugly guys from our install crew that will scare your children when they come install your order!