

Alder

SERIES

Brent's love for the experience of walking in the forests of North Vancouver stems from the uncertainty of what may lie in the shadows in the distance or the dark spaces between the trees. These emotions brought on further ponderings towards these dark spaces and how unknown depths are a significant part of what draws us to the natural world.

For a long time, all these thoughts and feelings brought on a yearning to create objects that would tell the story of this experience, but where to start was felt unknown. This all changed one night while Brent was sitting in a darkened room absorbed by the way in which flames from my fireplace illuminated the loosely stacked kindling beside the hearth. The ends of each stick of kindling glowed in the light while the spaces between the sticks remained dark and seemingly impenetrable. A perception was concluded on the notion that these shadowy patterns of light and dark shifting within this bundle of sticks were the essence of this story that Brent had wanted to tell.

Alder was a natural choice as the material with which to tell this story of the coastal forest. Western alder is a pioneer tree. It grows quickly from saplings into dense stands of foliage that contribute to the forest's shifting play of light and dark. It also has the unique and crucial ability to fix nitrogen from the air into the soil, preparing fertile ground for other tree species to be reborn.

With the Alder collection we carefully select, hand cut and carve each stem before bundling it into a stack. We then saw horizontally across each stack to create the form of the piece, which appears to be sliced directly out of a section of densely packed forest. The depth of the open space which encircles each stick provides a stark contrast. Our wish is for you to peer into the piece past the surface and imagine yourself walking in a rainforest.

The Alder Disc represents revitalization, as every stick and branch from the alder trees are carefully carved and bundled together to form something new and intriguing. By drawing attention to the spaces between the alder, as well as the varying colours of the wood itself, the disc acknowledges the shifting experience of the forest.



ALDER ROUND TABLE | Red Alder, Clear Varnish | Various Sizes

ALDER ROUND

RED ALDER

AL-5

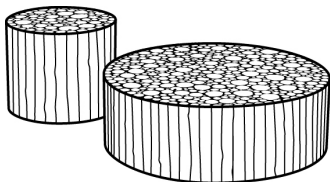
19"-20" Dia. x 16"H

60 lbs.

Clear Catalyzed Varnish

48cm-51cm Dia. x 41cm

27 kg.



AL-7

37"- 38" Dia. x 12"H

150 lbs.

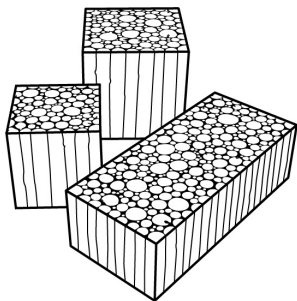
94cm-97cm Dia. x 30cm

68 kg.



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ALDER CUBE



RED ALDER

Clear Catalyzed Varnish

AL-1	15½" x 15½" x 16"H 39cm x 39cm x 41cm	40 lbs. 18 kg.
AL-2	20" x 20" x 20"H 51cm x 51cm x 51cm	60 lbs. 27 kg.
AL-3	18" x 40" x 12"H 46cm x 102cm x 30cm	90 lbs. 41 kg.