

# Questions for Common Lumber Types and Sizes for Theatre

1. Give 2 examples of things that are different between board stock and sheet stock.

Some acceptable answers include: Sheet stock is made of sawdust or thin sheets glued together; Board stock is one piece of wood. Board stock is long and skinny compared to Sheet stock which can be made to be much wider. Sheet stock is sold by actual sizes, Board Stock is sold by Nominal Size.

2. What is does Nominal size mean?

Nominal means the size the board went into the sawmill before a portion was sanded off to make it easier to handle.

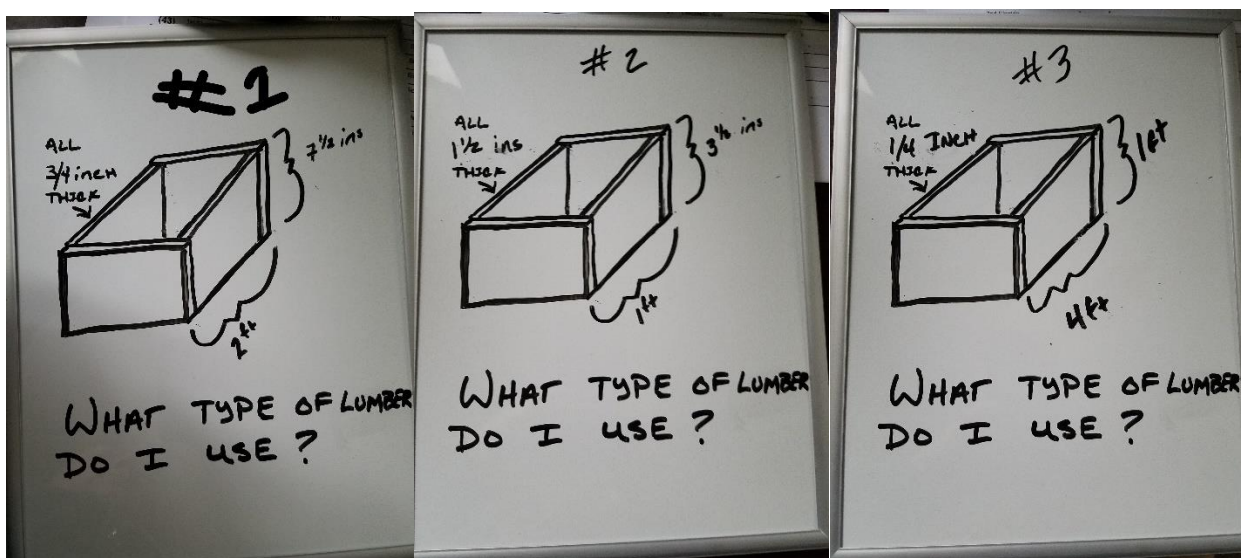
3. Which type of Sheet stock is made only from sawdust and glue?

## Masonite

4. Why are “soft” woods most often used for theatre building?

They are generally more readily available, cheaper, and easier to work with than “hard” wood.

5. Use the pictures below to figure out which type/size of lumber would be best for the build shown. (pay attention to the dimensions given for each)



#1. 1x8

#2. 2x4

#3. 1/4inch plywood