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Subject: Birch/Maple ply for building  
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The Home Depot here has some new stuff (to me anyway) with Birch on one side and Maple on the other. My quiz of the kid on the floor as to how to tell the difference left him scratching his head. The ply edge is labelled 'birch up/maple down', so I asked the kid can I assume that that's 'right reading' so when you can read the lettering, it means up for birch and down for maple. This could get confusing once the piece was sliced up. He guessed that was so. I was wondering what sort of a material that would make for alternating tops and sides and what a clear varnish would turn up on the two types of wood. The stuff is on deal for \$30/sheet.

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