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Subject: How to bring out curls in curly maple

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I was strolling through RONA (it's like a Home Depot) this afternoon, looking at wood for fun. I lead such an exciting life, don't I? I came across a great piece of 3x1 maple with curls down its entire length that would be perfect for my next amp project. Took it home and hit it with a coat of Tung Oil. The curls brighten up a little, but not much. I was also very disappointed at how little the colour changed. It went from white to dull grey. In the past, this same oil turned mahogany from brown to deep red, oak from pale yellow to deep orange, and cherry from brown/grey to bright red. I was hoping to see a piece of golden maple after the oiling, but it was not the case. What's the recommendation for stain and finish to make the curls on this piece of wood shine and to turn it gold in colour? thanks, gar.

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