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Subject: Re: some idea's - best woods for cleats and on-edge braces?

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Hi Freddy, I have always made the cleat from the same material the carcass is made from. This will keep the wood all of the same stability. In the case of veneered plywood. I have used both maple and oak since they are strong and the screw will have less tendency to work its way into the cleat and becoming loose. I like to make the cleats 1" or 3/4 x 1 anyway. I have not tried it yet, but I hear some people like the Gorilla Glue. supposed to be good for end grains in corner joints and the like. I think a real problem is you need about 5 years of expanding and contracting with the season changes to be able to see how a joint is going to hold up. To offer a suggestion of yet even more work! put two coats of finish on the inside of the box too. Bill