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Subject: Re: pi 2 cabinet woods

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Most people use veneered MDF. This gives you the good acoustic properties of MDF and the beauty of a real wood veneer. Some veneer is thicker than others; Some is so thick it is more like paneling. Some people have even used sheet hardwoods over MDF, so there are a lot of good options for your finish layer. Larger speakers are sometimes better done with plywood, for weight savings. Plywood is lighter and more durable, particularly in the presence of water. But the downside is that sometimes plywood layers have voids, and where there are voids, there is debris in the voids that buzzes. Better quality plywoods like baltic birch are more likely to be void free,

indoors, I'd go with MDF and use your favorite high-quality veneer finish.

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