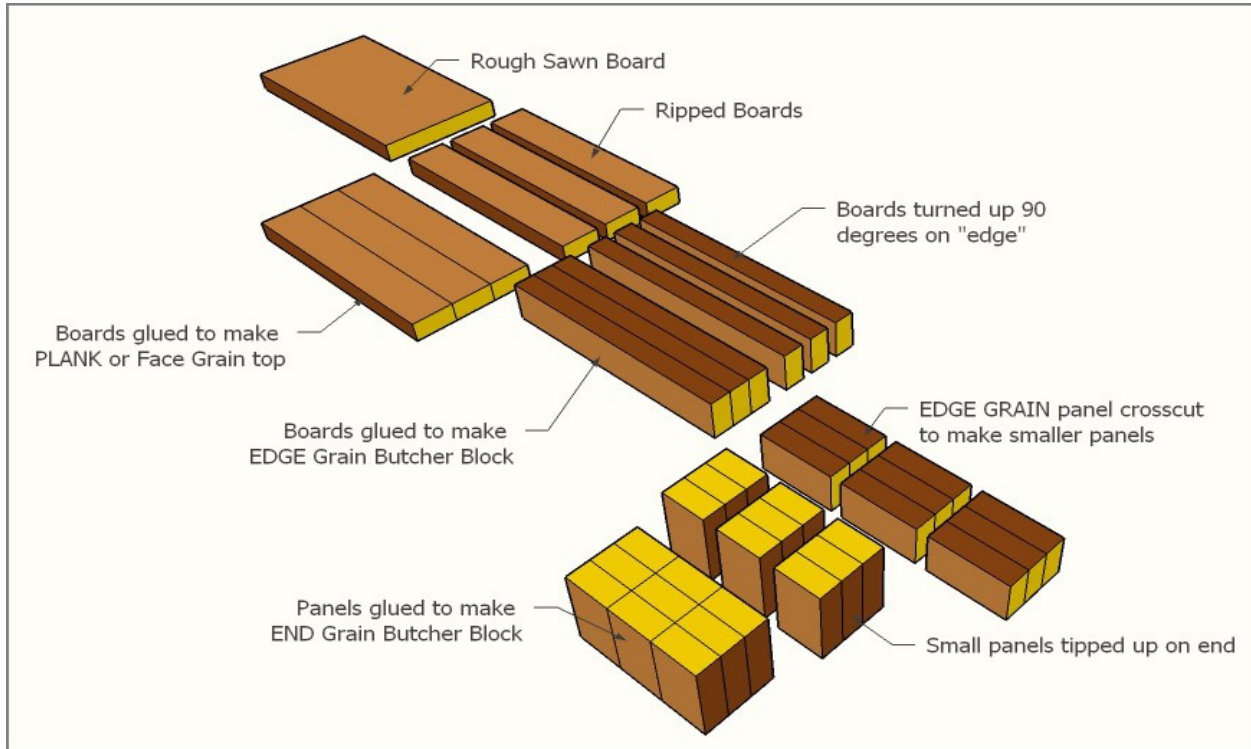




WHAT ABOUT PLANK TOPS?



There is often some confusion about the terminology surrounding different construction methods of wood tops. There are 3 basic types of wood top. There is Plank or Face Grain, there is Edge Grain or Edge Grain Butcher Block and there is End Grain or End Grain Butcher Block. Each has its own unique look and performance characteristics. Most of what we make is either Edge Grain Butcher Block or End Grain Butcher Block. Makes sense...we are the original Butcher Block company.

Having said that, we do have all the tools and equipment to make Plank style tops but because of the inefficiency of converting the manufacturing line to Plank we do so only on rare occasions and only on very specific types of orders. In order to make our process as efficient as possible we will only make plank tops when the order size justifies the cost of converting the line over. Small orders are not accepted due to these conversion costs.

In the diagram above we are showing the basic path of each type of wood tops starting at the rough sawn board at the top of the diagram. There are three divergent paths which result in the three styles of wood tops. We hope this diagram helps you visualize the process of making wood tops.

	Edge Grain	Plank
Thick tops	Easy to make	Difficult to make
Wide planks	Difficult to make	Easy to make
Grain Character	Straight and tight	Hooping and Cathedraling
Strength	Very Strong	Less Strong
Stability	Very Stable	Less Stable