BASSWOOD

VARIATIONS
Sheets, Rods, Dowels, Structural Shapes

DESCRIPTION
Pale, smooth, fine grained wood.

USES
Excellent modeling material. Basswood accepts all types of glues, especially craft glues, and can be cut by hand at thicknesses up to 1/8". Cuts with the grain must be carefully made to ensure the blade does not follow the slight curve of the grain instead of the straight edge; cuts against the grain must be scored and made in a number of passes. Can be laser cut.

MANUFACTURE
The American Basswood tree is native to states as far west as Minnesota and as far south as Missouri, stretching all the way to the east coast. The tree becomes mature in 10-15 years at which point it is harvested and cut down to desired sizes, then shipped.

NOTABLE INGREDIENTS
Tilia Americana (American Basswood)

DISPOSAL
Usable scraps to Reuse Stations, unusable scraps to wood dumpster behind shop. Untreated wood will biodegrade without any issue.

SAFETY NOTES
Always be careful when cutting- use a sharp blade. Almost all cuts are best made with multiple, low pressure passes- this reduces the chance of slipping and increases the precision of the cut.

Standard Joint. The right side here will read more dominantly. Use if the design has a particular directionality.

Miter Joint. The object modeled will appear to have more unity and solidity. These joints take a little longer to make right.