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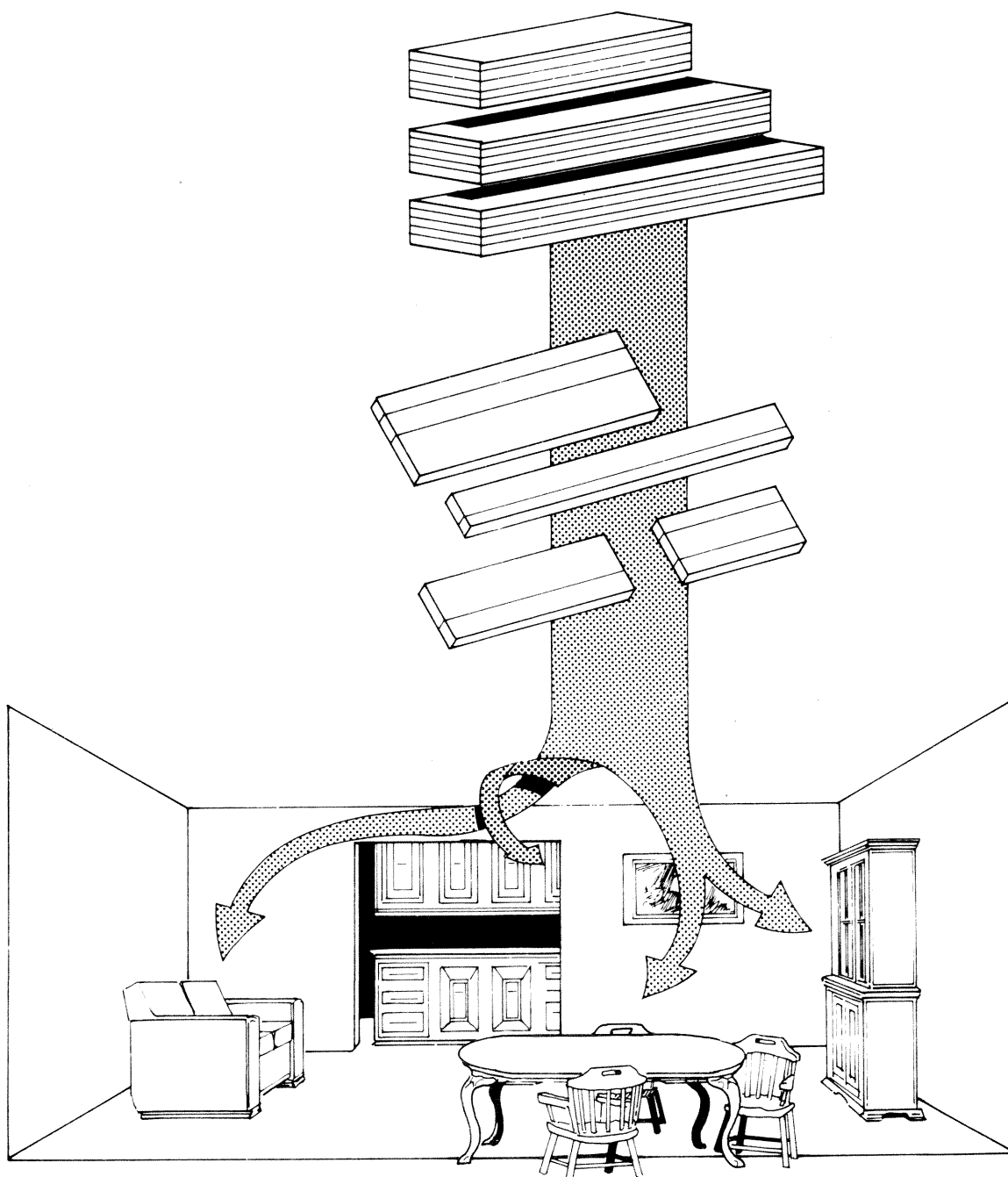
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BLANKS: A Computer Program for Analyzing Furniture Rough-Part Needs in Standard-Size Blanks

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Abstract

A computer program is described that allows a company to determine the number of edge-glued, standard-size blanks required to satisfy its rough-part needs for a given production period. Yield and cost information also is determined by the program. A list of the program inputs, outputs, and uses of outputs is described, and an example analysis with sample output is included.

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Introduction

Standard-size, edge-glued blanks as input to the furniture manufacturing process is a new concept (Fig. 1). The concept calls for the use of a few standard sizes of ready-to-use, wide edge-glued blanks to produce the thousands of different parts required by a company (Araman et al. 1982). Before a company will adopt the use of blanks, it must be convinced of the merits of standard-size blanks.

A key question is: how well and at what cost do blanks meet the actual needs of my company? To provide the answer quickly through uniform individual analysis, we developed a computer program called BLANKS. The program determines the number of edge-glued, standard-size blanks required for each species-thickness-quality combination of rough parts specified by a company. The results from program BLANKS provide information on the number of standard-size blanks needed, yields, and costs, and describe a company's overall solid wood needs for a given production period.

In this report we present:

- A description of program BLANKS.
- The required program inputs.
- The program outputs.
- The uses of program outputs.
- An example analysis.

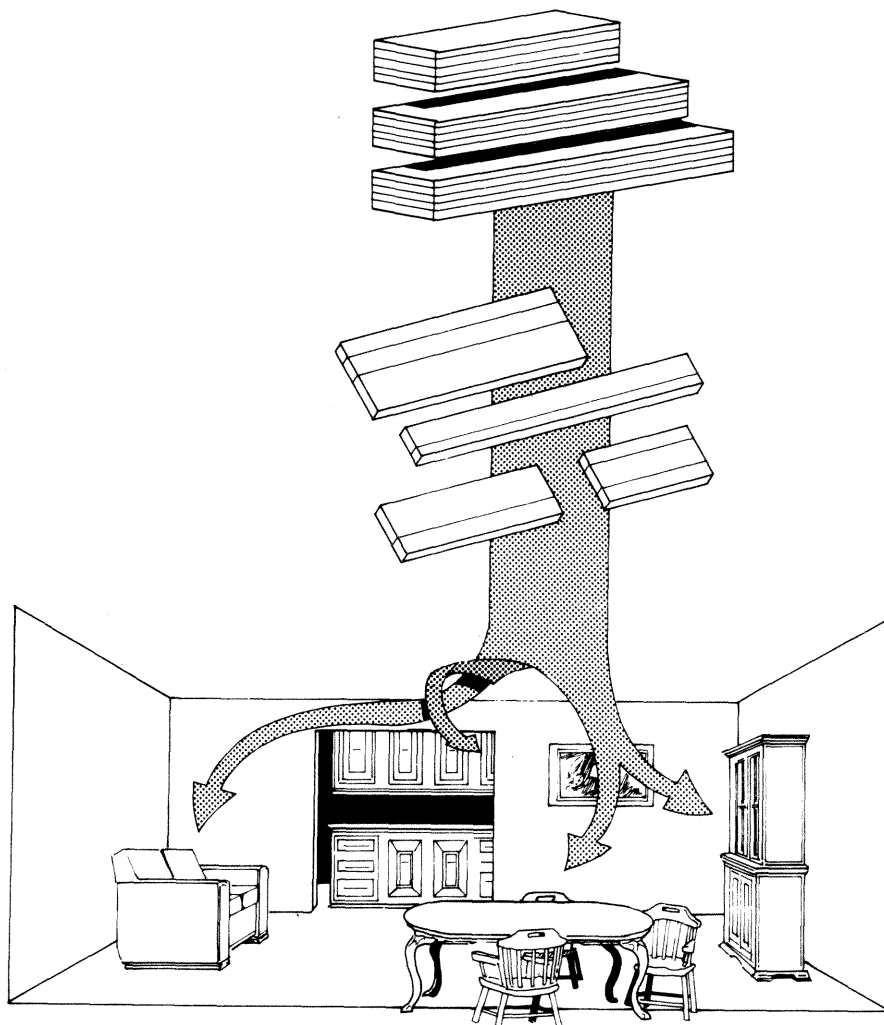


Figure 1.—In the standard blank concept, standard-size blanks are processed to rough-dimension parts that are used to make furniture and cabinets.

Program Description

Program BLANKS (see Appendix), written in FORTRAN, makes a separate analysis of the number of edge-glued standard-size blanks needed for each species-thickness-quality combination of parts required by a manufacturer. Part needs can be for a piece of furniture, any number of pieces in a suite or group of furniture, or for any combination of pieces of furniture.

In each analysis, the program:

- Simulates producing rough parts for one blank length at a time.
- Within a blank length, simulates producing parts starting with the widest part first, using 1/8-inch kerf saws. If needed, narrow parts are ripped from left over edgings. After the widest width cuttings are obtained, the next widest parts are processed. This is continued until all needs are satisfied.
- Tallies all pieces 1 inch and wider left over from the blanks. This material can be recycled into new blanks.
- Calculates yield, regluable material, end-trim waste, edge and kerf waste, and total waste, in percentages, for each blank size. It also provides totals for each species-thickness-quality combination.
- Calculates dollar values for the parts produced and for the regluable materials. Values are based on square foot on input in standard-size blanks.

Results are printed by program BLANKS after all parts are satisfied. A summary table shows what is needed by standard blank size and in total, including number of blanks needed, yields, and costs.

Program Inputs

The input data required include standard blank sizes (from Table 1) and their value per square foot, along with the rough-part lengths, widths, and quantities needed. Quantities needed are determined by multiplying the number of parts needed for the item times the number of items needed for the production period. The following steps must be taken to prepare the input data for program BLANKS.

1. For each different part size needed, prepare a part size data card with the following information:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Columns</i>	
Part length	4-9	} Right justify or include decimal point
Part width	11-16	
Quantity needed	17-20	
Group number		} Must right justify
Input lumber thickness	21-72	
Species needed		
Quality		} Choose your own format (This information is not used by the computer program but is needed to arrange the data cards in the next step, which must be done manually.)

2. Arrange part-size data cards by lumber species-thickness-quality.

3. Sort the part-size data cards within each species-thickness-quality by standard lengths. For example, all 4/4 clear parts up to 15 inches long would go into the 15-inch group, all parts over 15 inches and up to 18 inches long would go into the 18-inch group, and so on.

4. Arrange the part-size data cards within each standard length group by part width—widest to narrowst.

5. For each standard-size blank prepare a data card with the following information:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Columns</i>	
Blank length	7-12	
Blank width	13-18	
Blank value/square foot	19-24	(estimate of internal production value or outside purchase price)

Table 1.—Recommended hardwood blank standard sizes for furniture and cabinet manufacturers (in inches)

Nominal thickness	Intended product finish thickness	Actual blank thickness	Blank lengths													
Clear Quality/26-Inch-Wide Blanks																
5/8	3/8	1/2	13	15	17	18	22	26	31	36	42	—	—	—	—	—
3/4	1/2	5/8	14	17	19	22	25	29	31	35	41	47	58	86	—	—
4/4	3/4	7/8	15	18	21	25	29	33	38	45	50	60	75	100	—	—
1-1/4	1	1-1/8	15	18	21	25	29	33	38	45	50	60	75	100	—	—
1-1/2	1-1/4	1-3/8	15	18	21	25	28	32	35	40	45	50	60	70	85	—
2	1-5/8	1-3/4	15	18	21	25	28	32	35	40	45	50	60	70	90	—
Core Quality/26-Inch-Wide Blanks																
1	3/4	7/8	15	18	21	23	26	29	34	40	50	60	70	95	—	—
1-1/4	1	1-1/8	15	18	21	23	26	29	34	40	50	60	70	85	—	—
Sound Frame Quality (for upholsterd frames)/20-Inch-Wide Blanks																
1	3/4	7/8	13	17	19	22	24	27	29	33	44	54	70	80	100	—
1-1/4	1	1-1/8	15	18	20	23	25	28	33	45	55	65	80	90	100	—
1-1/2	1-1/4	1-3/8	14	18	21	24	28	31	34	40	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	1-5/8	1-3/4	12	16	19	21	24	28	30	34	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sound Interior Quality (for case goods)/20-Inch-Wide Blanks																
1	3/4	7/8	15	18	21	25	29	34	40	50	60	70	95	—	—	—

Blank sizes other than the recommended sizes in Table 1 can be used here.

6. Arrange the input data in the following sequence for each species-thickness-quality analysis:

- First standard-size blank data card.
- A card stating in columns 1-2 (right justified) the number of part cards that will follow for this standard size.
- The part cards.
- A continuation or stop card—if column 1 contains a 1, the program will continue; if it contains a 2, the program will stop and provide a summary printout.

- Continued sets of cards a, b, c, and d until all standard length sets have been placed in the card deck. Make sure that card d has a 2 in column 1 in the last set of cards.

Program Outputs

After the simulator has produced all of the required parts from blanks, summaries are calculated and the results are printed. Included in the printout for each blank size (L x W) are: number needed, square feet of blanks used, square feet of parts produced, percent yield of parts, total cost of the parts, percent regluable material, regluable material value, percent end-trim waste, percent edge and ripping waste, and percent total waste. Totals for each species-thickness-quality combination also are provided.

Uses of Output

The blanks-to-parts results generated by program BLANKS can be used by a manufacturer in many ways. The information allows a manufacturer to take a good look at what is needed in rough dimension or, more specifically:

- Evaluate standard-size blanks as a solid wood input material.
- Consider and develop a blanks inventory system.
- Decide what to make or buy and inventory as standard-size blanks.
- Decide what to make or buy in exact rough-part dimensions if total adoption of the standard sizes is not desired.

- Decide which low-demand species-thickness parts should be made with a more highly demanded species-thickness.

Program BLANKS also can be used to determine improvements in blanks-to-parts yield when the rough-part lengths are shortened, so shorter standard blank lengths can be used. The blanks should be manufactured precisely so that rough-to-finish part end-trim allowances can be reduced.

The program could be used in the planning stages for new furniture groups. The groups could be designed with the standard sizes and then analyzed by program BLANKS on the basis of cost and yield before production. In these stages, the program might be used to test for improved yields and reduced costs due to slight design changes.

Example Analysis

We used program BLANKS to analyze the 90-day needs for a manufacturer of occasional tables and other living room furniture. The manufacturer wanted to know if the use of standard blanks would be beneficial, specifically, he wanted to know how many blank sizes he would have to use and what his yields would be. He also wanted to get an idea of the inventories of blanks that would have to be maintained, and, among other things, determine the reduction in conversion losses if his product engineers modified slightly (no more than 1/2 inch) some part-length requirements. Lastly, he wanted to get a better idea of his overall part requirements.

This manufacturer produced furniture for 14 different suites or groups (A-N) during the selected 90-day production period. Over 261 different designs, mostly tables, had to be made. A total of 39,800 pieces of furniture were made during the 90-day production period. To make this furniture, six species and 25 species-thickness-quality combinations were required.

After preparing the input data cards, we ran each species-thickness-quality combination requirement by suite of furniture. Program BLANKS was used to analyze 102 sets of requirements. One of the summary output listings provided to the manufacturer is shown in Table 2.

After all of the runs were completed, we summarized the blank requirements for each species-thickness-quality combination. Table 3 shows the results for the 4/4 cherry clear-quality blank needs. The totals tell the company what its 90-day needs would be.

So that the manufacturer could see the improvements possible if his rough-part lengths could be reduced, we ran additional simulations with adjusted data. We reviewed the Group B 4/4 cherry requirements, where the part length was 1/2 inch or less longer than the standard length, we reduced the part length to the standard length and reran BLANKS. Table 2 presents the original results and Table 4 the adjusted results.

The changes gave us better conversion utilization, lower costs, and more demand for shorter blank

lengths. The increased demand for shorter blanks and a decreased need for longer blanks caused the total surface area to go down and the yield to go up. The total cost went down along with the waste. Material that could be reglued into panels (last ripping cuts over 1 inch wide) increased. End-trim waste dropped from 5 to 3 percent.

After analyzing these results, the manufacturer was convinced of the merits of the blanks concept and has developed for implementation a completely new rough-mill processing and inventory system. When implemented, new groups of furniture will be designed with the standard blank sizes, and rough-part sizes currently needed may be changed to take advantage of the standard sizes.

Summary

Program BLANKS allows manufacturers to quickly analyze their rough-part requirements as if they were being produced from a few standard sizes of ready-to-use, edge-glued blanks. With information on the number of blanks needed, yields, and costs, manufacturers can evaluate standard-size blanks as a solid wood input material and decide on total or partial adoption of this concept. The output from program BLANKS also aids manufacturers in better understanding rough-part needs and costs.

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Table 2.—Parts from standard-size blanks summary—Group B 4/4 cherry clear-quality requirements

Blank size (inches)	Number needed	Blank	Parts	Percent yield	Total cost	Percent reglu- able	Reglu- able value	Percent end waste	Percent edge waste	Percent total waste
		----- ft ² -----			Dollars		Dollars			
15 × 26	16	43	36	0.83	63.27	0.01	0.83	0.07	0.09	0.15
18 × 26	137	445	376	0.85	650.06	0.00	1.25	0.08	0.07	0.15
21 × 26	75	284	259	0.91	415.19	0.00	0.87	0.04	0.05	0.09
25 × 26	25	113	90	0.80	164.76	0.04	5.96	0.09	0.07	0.16
29 × 26	58	304	255	0.84	443.39	0.01	5.32	0.07	0.08	0.15
33 × 26	44	262	241	0.92	382.76	0.01	4.16	0.00	0.07	0.07
38 × 26	78	535	454	0.85	781.34	0.01	8.71	0.05	0.09	0.14
Total	433	1987	1712	0.86	2900.78	0.01	27.10	0.05	0.08	0.13

Table 3.—Summary of company's 90-day 4/4 cherry clear-quality needs in standard-size blanks

Group	Number of blanks required									
	15 × 26	18 × 26	21 × 26	25 × 26	29 × 26	33 × 26	38 × 26	45 × 26	50 × 26	60 × 26
A	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B	16	137	75	25	58	44	78	—	—	—
C	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
D	849	1906	959	1818	622	277	16	51	203	38
E	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
F	72	148	167	106	25	—	—	—	54	—
G	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
H	204	120	115	772	50	19	400	25	—	—
I	95	35	86	379	27	—	300	37	—	—
J	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
K	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
L	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M	310	70	185	54	9	7	9	—	27	—
N	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1546	2416	1587	3154	791	347	803	113	284	38

Table 4.—Parts from standard-size blanks summary—Group B 4/4 cherry clear-quality requirements after changes made in rough-part lengths

Blank size (inches)	Number needed	Blank	Parts	Percent yield	Total cost	Percent reglu- able	Reglu- able value	Percent end waste	Percent edge waste	Percent total waste
		--- ft ² ---			Dollars		Dollars			
15 × 26	79	214	192	0.90	312.38	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.09	0.10
18 × 26	80	260	218	0.84	379.60	0.11	41.70	0.02	0.03	0.05
21 × 26	75	284	259	0.91	415.19	0.00	0.87	0.04	0.05	0.09
25 × 26	50	226	192	0.85	329.51	0.02	5.73	0.04	0.09	0.13
29 × 26	33	173	151	0.87	252.28	0.02	5.70	0.03	0.07	0.11
33 × 26	59	352	316	0.90	513.25	0.01	6.81	0.00	0.09	0.09
38 × 26	64	439	378	0.86	641.10	0.01	8.44	0.04	0.09	0.13
Total	440	1947	1706	0.88	2843.31	0.02	69.24	0.03	0.07	0.10

Appendix

Note to Programmers

Program BLANKS can be run in a batch or an interactive mode. Data input prompts have been placed in

the program to aid those who use an interactive system. These prompts and some intermediate printing of results also will appear in the batch mode printouts and can be eliminated by removing the fol-

lowing cards: BLNK 33, BLNK 38, BLNK 44, BLNK 125, BLNK 130, BLNK 131, BLNK 172, BLNK 174, BLNK 176, BLNK 177, BLNK 179, BLNK 180, BLNK 181, and BLNK 182.

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C*****BLNK 1
C      BLNK 2
C      PROGRAM BLANKS      BLNK 3
C      BLNK 4
C      PROGRAMMER: P.A. ARAMAN      DATE: JULY 14,1982      BLNK 5
C      U.S. FOREST SERVICE      BLNK 6
C      PRINCETON, WV      BLNK 7
C      BLNK 8
C      PROGRAM SIMULATES MAKING ROUGH DIMENSION PARTS FROM STANDARD-SIZE BLNK 9
C      BLANKS. THE PROGRAM COMPILES AND PRINTS A SUMMARY OF THE RESULTS.BLNK 10
C*****BLNK 11
C      INTEGER NN(50),BLANKS,B,LPC,BBLANK(50)/50*0/,B1,NNE(50)      BLNK 12
C      REAL LT(50),WT(50)/50*0./,SBLT(50)/50*0./,SBWT(50)/50*0./,SBSQFT(50)      BLNK 13
C      10)/50*0./,SCSQFT(50)/50*0./,SUTILP(50)/50*0./,STCOST(50)/50*0./,SRBLNK 14
C      2EGP(50)/50*0./,SRGVAL(50)/50*0./,SWASTP(50)/50*0./,SETRIM(50)/50*0BLNK 15
C      3./,SKERFE(50)/50*0./      BLNK 16
C      B1=0      BLNK 17
C      I5=0      BLNK 18
C      S1=0.      BLNK 19
C      S2=0.      BLNK 20
C      S3=0.      BLNK 21
C      S4=0.      BLNK 22
C      S5=0.      BLNK 23
C      W1=0.      BLNK 24
20      BLANKS=0.      BLNK 25
      REGLUE=0.      BLNK 26
      WASTE=0.      BLNK 27
      CSQFT=0.      BLNK 28
      ETRIM=0.      BLNK 29
C      BLNK 30
C      READ STANDARD BLANK LENGTH, WIDTH AND PRICE      BLNK 31
C      BLNK 32
C      WRITE (6,210)      BLNK 33
C      READ (5,220) BLT,BWT,BPRICE      BLNK 34
C      BLNK 35
C      READ NUMBER OF DIFFERENT CUTTINGS THAT FOLLOW TO BE READ      BLNK 36
C      BLNK 37
C      WRITE (6,230)      BLNK 38
C      READ (5,240) N      BLNK 39
C      BLNK 40
C      MUST READ IN WIDEST TO NARROWEST WIDTH      BLNK 41
C      LENGTHS CAN BE OUT OF ORDER      BLNK 42
C      BLNK 43
C      WRITE (6,250)      BLNK 44
C      BLNK 45
C      READ CUTTINGS NEEDED      BLNK 46
C      BLNK 47
C      DO 30 I=1,N      BLNK 48
C      READ (5,260) III,LT(I),WT(I),NN(I)      BLNK 49
C      CSQFT=(LT(I)*WT(I)*NN(I))/144.+CSQFT      BLNK 50
C      ETRIM=ETRIM+((BLT-LT(I))*WT(I)*NN(I))/144.      BLNK 51
30      NNE(I)=NN(I)      BLNK 52
      DO 190 I=1,N      BLNK 53
      IF (NNE(I).LE.0) GO TO 190      BLNK 54
      B=BWT/(WT(I)+.125)      BLNK 55

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	BCHECK=B*(WT(1)+.125)+WT(1)	BLNK 56
	IF (BCHECK.LE.BWT) B=B+1	BLNK 57
	BN=FLOAT(NNE(1))/FLOAT(B)	BLNK 58
	IF (BN-IFIX(BN).EQ.0.) GO TO 40	BLNK 59
	BN1=1-(BN-IFIX(BN))	BLNK 60
	GO TO 50	BLNK 61
40	BN1=0.	BLNK 62
50	IF (BN1.GT.0) BLANKS=BLANKS+1	BLNK 63
	BLANKS=BLANKS+BN	BLNK 64
	NNE(1)=0	BLNK 65
C		BLNK 66
C	BN1 IS FRACTION OF LAST BLANK LEFT	BLNK 67
C		BLNK 68
	W=BWT-B*(WT(1)+.125)	BLNK 69
	IF (W.GE.1.) GO TO 60	BLNK 70
	WASTE=WASTE+IFIX(BN)*W	BLNK 71
	GO TO 150	BLNK 72
60	IF (1.LT.N) GO TO 90	BLNK 73
	GO TO 80	BLNK 74
70	11=11+1	BLNK 75
	IF (11.GT.N) GO TO 80	BLNK 76
	GO TO 100	BLNK 77
80	REGLUE=REGLUE+IFIX(BN)*W*BLT	BLNK 78
	GO TO 150	BLNK 79
C		BLNK 80
C	CAN EDGING BE USED	BLNK 81
C		BLNK 82
90	11=1+1	BLNK 83
100	IF (WT(11).GT.W) GO TO 70	BLNK 84
	IF (NNE(11).LE.0) GO TO 120	BLNK 85
	BS=W/(WT(11)+.125)	BLNK 86
	BND=NNE(11)/BS	BLNK 87
	IF (BND.LT.BN) GO TO 110	BLNK 88
	NNE(11)=NNE(11)-IFIX(BS)*IFIX(BN)	BLNK 89
C		BLNK 90
C	REDEFINE W AFTER SECONDARY CUTTINGS HAVE BEEN REMOVED AMR	BLNK 91
C		BLNK 92
	W=W-(WT(11)+.125)*IFIX(BS)	BLNK 93
	IF (W.GE.1) GO TO 70	BLNK 94
	GO TO 150	BLNK 95
110	NNE(11)=0	BLNK 96
	IF (11.EQ.N) GO TO 130	BLNK 97
	BN=BN-BND	BLNK 98
120	11=11+1	BLNK 99
	IF (11.GT.N) GO TO 80	BLNK 100
	GO TO 100	BLNK 101
130	REGLUE=REGLUE+BLT*W*(BN-BND)	BLNK 102
	GO TO 190	BLNK 103
140	REGLUE=REGLUE+BLT*BN1*BWT	BLNK 104
	GO TO 190	BLNK 105
C		BLNK 106
C	USE FRACTION OF LAST BLANK	BLNK 107
C		BLNK 108
150	IF (BN1.EQ.0) GO TO 190	BLNK 109
	11=1+1	BLNK 110

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160 IF (11.GT.N) GO TO 140 BLNK 111
    IF (NNE(11).GT.0) GO TO 170 BLNK 112
    11=11+1 BLNK 113
    GO TO 160 BLNK 114
170 LPC=(BN1*BWT)/(WT(11)+.125) BLNK 115
    IF (LPC.GT.NNE(11)) GO TO 180 BLNK 116
    NNE(11)=NNE(11)-LPC BLNK 117
    BN1=0. BLNK 118
    GO TO 190 BLNK 119
180 BN1=((BN1*BWT)-(WT(11)+.125)*NNE(11))/BWT BLNK 120
    NNE(11)=0 BLNK 121
    GO TO 140 BLNK 122
190 CONTINUE BLNK 123
    TCOST=BLANKS*BPRICE*BLT*BWT/144. BLNK 124
    WRITE (6,270) BLT,BWT,BLANKS,BPRICE,TCOST BLNK 125
    BVOL=BLANKS*BLT*BWT/144. BLNK 126
    REGP=REGLUE/144./BVOL BLNK 127
    REGLUE=REGLUE/144. BLNK 128
    UTILP=CSQFT/BVOL BLNK 129
    WRITE (6,280) CSQFT,UTILP,REGLUE,REGP BLNK 130
    WRITE (6,290) BLNK 131
    READ (5,300) N5 BLNK 132
    15=15+1 BLNK 133
    SBLT(15)=BLT BLNK 134
    SBWT(15)=BWT BLNK 135
    SBSQFT(15)=BVOL BLNK 136
    SCSQFT(15)=CSQFT BLNK 137
    SUTILP(15)=UTILP BLNK 138
    SBLANK(15)=BLANKS BLNK 139
    STCOST(15)=TCOST BLNK 140
    SREGP(15)=REGP BLNK 141
    SRGVAL(15)=TCOST*REGP BLNK 142
    SETRIM(15)=ETRIM/BVOL BLNK 143
    SWASTP(15)=1.-UTILP-REGP BLNK 144
    SKERFE(15)=SWASTP(15)-SETRIM(15) BLNK 145
    S1=S1+SBSQFT(15) BLNK 146
    S2=S2+SCSQFT(15) BLNK 147
    S3=S3+REGLUE BLNK 148
    S4=S4+TCOST BLNK 149
    S5=S5+TCOST*REGP BLNK 150
    B1=B1+BLANKS BLNK 151
    W1=W1+ETRIM BLNK 152
    IF (N5.EQ.1) GO TO 20 BLNK 153
C BLNK 154
C WRITE RESULTS BLNK 155
C BLNK 156
    WRITE (6,310) BLNK 157
    WRITE (6,320) BLNK 158
    DO 200 16=1,15 BLNK 159
    WRITE (6,330) SBLT(16),SBWT(16),SBLANK(16),SBSQFT(16),SCSQFT(16),SBLNK 160
    1UTILP(16),STCOST(16),SREGP(16),SRGVAL(16),SETRIM(16),SKERFE(16),SWBLNK 161
    2ASTP(16) BLNK 162
200 CONTINUE BLNK 163
    CYIELD=S2/S1 BLNK 164
    RYIELD=S3/S1 BLNK 165

    WYIELD=1.-CYIELD-RYIELD BLNK 166
    W12=W1/S1 BLNK 167
    W13=WYIELD-W12 BLNK 168
    WRITE (6,340) B1,S1,S2,CYIELD,S4,RYIELD,S5,W12,W13,WYIELD BLNK 169
    STOP BLNK 170
C BLNK 171
210 FORMAT (1H0,24HBLANK LENGTH WIDTH PRICE) BLNK 172
220 FORMAT (6X,F6.0,F6.0,F6.0) BLNK 173
230 FORMAT (1H0,37HNO. OF DIFFERENT CUTTINGS TO BE READ?) BLNK 174
240 FORMAT (12) BLNK 175
250 FORMAT (1H0,35HMUST BE READ IN WIDEST TO NARROWEST/1H ,4X,18HLENGTB LNK 176
    1H WIDTH NO.) BLNK 177
260 FORMAT (11,2X,F6.0,1X,F6.0,1X,14) BLNK 178
270 FORMAT (1H0,F6.0,1HX,F6.0,4X,14,4X,3H@ $,F6.2,3H= $,F8.2) BLNK 179
280 FORMAT (1H0,6HCSQFT=,F8.2/1H0,19HBLANKS UTILIZATION=,F4.2/9H0 BLNK 180
    1 ,20HREGLUEABLE MATERIAL=,F8.2/1H0,15HREGLUEABLE PCT=,F4.2) BLNK 181
290 FORMAT (1H0,45HIF ANOTHER RUN IS NEEDED TYPE 1 IF NOT TYPE 2) BLNK 182
300 FORMAT (11) BLNK 183
310 FORMAT (1H1///) BLNK 184
320 FORMAT (1H0,7HSUMMARY/1H0,96HBLANK BLANK NUMBER BLANK PARTBLNK 185
    1S % TOTAL % REGLUE % END % EDGE % TOTAL/1H ,94BLNK 186
    2HLT WT NEEDED SQFT SQFT YIELD COST REGLUE BLNK 187
    3 VALUE WASTE WASTE WASTE/1H ,96H-----BLNK 188
    4-----BLNK 189
    5-) BLNK 190
330 FORMAT (1H0,F4.0,5X,F3.0,17,5X,F7.0,1X,F7.0,2X,F4.2,1X,F8.2,3X,F4. BLNK 191
    12,3X,F7.2,4X,F4.2,4X,F4.2,4X,F4.2) BLNK 192
340 FORMAT (1H0,96H-----BLNK 193
    1-----/1H0,6HTOTALS,9X,15,2BLNK 194
    2X,F9.0,F9.0,1X,F4.2,1X,F8.2,3X,F4.2,3X,F7.2,4X,F4.2,4X,F4.2,4X,F4. BLNK 195
    32) BLNK 196
    END BLNK 197

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A computer program is described that allows a company to determine the number of edge-glued, standard-size blanks required to satisfy its rough-part needs for a given production period. Yield and cost information also is determined by the program. A list of the program inputs, outputs, and uses of outputs is described, and an example analysis with sample output is included.

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