



BANKER WIRE PRECISION WEAVES INFILL PANELS FOR STARBUCKS FLAGSHIP STORE

Stairway Railing Infill Meets Aesthetic and Sustainable Needs for Multi-Level Store

MUKWONAGO, WI—AUGUST 16, 2013—Starbucks stores and facilities are widely known and highly regarded for their sustainable and sophisticated designs. The newest Starbucks flagship store at Oak and Rush in Chicago, IL, which features wire mesh from Banker Wire, is no exception.

The Oak and Rush Starbucks is one of six flagship stores in the world. Its first level looks like a typical Starbucks, with casual seating aimed toward to-go customers. Its upstairs, however, offers a more sophisticated experience – with enhanced menu offerings that include appetizers, small plates and desserts, and after 4 p.m., beer and wine.

A staircase with Banker Wire railing infill marks the transition between the two levels. The wire mesh pattern used matches the store's chic, yet homey, aesthetic. The weave's twin wire flat top style adds visual and textural interest to the staircase.

After Banker Wire wove the mesh, it was sent out for an "antique brass" plated finish. This finish complements the worn exteriors of the other materials used in the store, which include reclaimed Chicago brick and greenheart planks salvaged from boxcars. Unlike paint, the plating will allow mesh to maintain a metallic, reflective look. Banker Wire mesh can be plated in a variety of finishes.

Like many of the products used in the store, the Banker Wire mesh is environmentally friendly. It is composed of 80 to 85 percent post-consumer and 13 to 18 percent pre-consumer recycled steel. The weave was produced in a low-energy, cold-forming process in a plant that was illuminated with ample natural daylight and energy-efficient lighting. Because the mesh was produced within a 500-mile radius of the Starbucks store, it contributes to its Regional Materials credit for LEED-certifications. This factor was important because all new Starbucks stores are built to LEED standards.

"Like Starbucks, we value sustainability – but also unique designs and high-quality products – so we enjoy the partnership," said Harrison Horan, Vice President of Marketing at Banker Wire. "We also look forward to working with them on future stores."

The project was completed in fall 2012. The project team includes architect Mancini Duffy, New York, architect of record Hartshorne Plunkard Architecture, Chicago and general contractor Ryan Construction, Chicago. Project management was handled by Starbucks Coffee Company.

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About Banker Wire

Banker Wire is the world's leading manufacturer of woven and welded wire mesh for architectural and industrial applications. With the most modern and productive mill in the U.S., Banker Wire provides custom-woven material for any aesthetic on any scale – from intricate design highlights to expansive building facades. Founded in 1896, Banker Wire's manufacturing expertise has been refined for more than a century, bringing unmatched customization, quality, and service to customers. State-of-the-art grid welding equipment provides a wide variety of wire alloy, spacing and diameter configurations, trimmed or untrimmed. For more information visit www.bankerwire.com.

About Architectural Woven Wire Mesh

Pre-crimped woven wire mesh is constructed of individual wires that are crimped prior to being woven together on a loom. Pre-crimping the wires provides a much higher degree of control during the weaving process. This allows for far more intricate and interesting patterns, as well as unique customization, to meet the vision of the designer. Banker Wire has refined and innovated its crimping process more than any other manufacturer, delivering more than 8,000 different spacing, diameter, and crimp combinations, plus endless customization options. As a result, Banker can make any woven wire mesh pattern imaginable – manufactured to specify for any project type.

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