



# Bamboo “Hard Grass” Flooring

Technically a grass, bamboo flooring is very earth-friendly because of how fast it grows. Five years of bamboo growth equals 40 years of hardwood growth, preserving hardwood forests. Bamboo is more dent and moisture resistant than most hardwoods, as well. To make bamboo flooring, bamboo strips are hot glued and pressed into a solid, single “ply”, providing for multiple sand and finishes. Eco-\$mart offers two types of bamboo flooring, **narrow plank** and **wide plank-floating**:

## ***Narrow Plank Bamboo Flooring***

Once the bamboo strips are glued and pressed into a single “ply”, multiple “plys” are then glued and pressed together into planks. The planks are typically 3 ½” wide, 5/8” thick and 3’ to 6’ long. This solid bamboo flooring is installed just as other solid wood flooring, nailed down to a wood sub floor, or glued to cement slab. The manufacturer of the solid bamboo that Eco-\$mart has selected offers more accurate construction than other products by using higher quality milling and finishing equipment to create an excellent fit and finish to the boards. Solid bamboo flooring is available in four pre-finished color and style options: Natural (blonde) and Carbonized (medium brown color), Horizontal (wider bamboo knots) and Vertical (narrower bamboo knots). The flooring carries a lifetime structural warranty and a fifteen year finish warranty.



## ***Wide Plank - Floating Bamboo Flooring***

Now bamboo flooring is available as a floating floor, installed with no glue between the bamboo and sub floor. The planks are manufactured wider, typically 6” to 7 ½” wide by 6’ long. The wider, more stable boards allow them to be manufactured with square edges, creating a totally flat floor installation. The wide plank bamboo can be “floated” over virtually any sub floor, including tile, concrete or wood, or nailed or glued down. This floating installation means that there are no toxic emissions given off by glues used for solid flooring installation over concrete. Eco-\$mart’s floating bamboo contains a very low VOC content, meeting European emission standards, so we can recommend the product for even the chemically sensitive customer. Floating bamboo flooring is available in Natural, Carbonized, Vertical and Horizontal. The flooring carries a lifetime structural warranty and a fifteen year finish warranty on its special UV cured aluminum oxide finish.



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# Cork Flooring and Earth-Friendly Carpeting

## *Cork Flooring*

Cork flooring is harvested from the bark of the cork tree which grows back completely in 9 to 14 years, making it a completely renewable flooring resource. Available as a “floating” floor system, which can be installed over wood, tile, concrete, vinyl.

**Insulation:** Because 90% of the tissue consists of gaseous matter, the density of cork is extremely low giving the material wonderful insulating properties; thermal, as well as acoustical.

**Resiliency and elasticity:** When cork is subjected to pressure, the gas is compressed and volume decreases considerably. When released from pressure, cork recovers very rapidly to its original shape, giving cork flooring a wonderful cushion underfoot feel.

**Durability:** Cork is remarkably resistant to wear, as it is less affected by impact and friction than other hard surfaces due to its cellular composition.

**Impermeability:** The presence of Suberin, a natural waxy substance, renders cork impervious to both liquids and gases. As a result, it does not rot and therefore may be considered the best seal available.

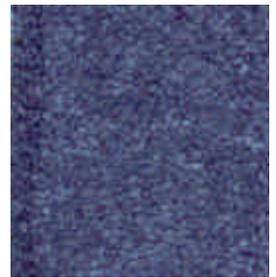
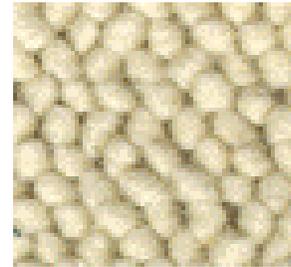
**Hypoallergenic:** Cork does not absorb dust and consequently does not cause allergies.

**Fire Retardant:** A natural fire retardant, cork does not spread flames and does not release toxic gases during combustion.



## *Earth-Friendly Carpet and Floor Coverings - Wool, Seagrass, Sisal, Coir, Recycled Plastic Carpet*

Eco-Smart handles a full line of wool carpets in a variety of styles, as well as carpets and area rugs made from renewable materials such as Seagrass, Sisal and Coir. Custom area rugs can be created in unlimited styles or with patterns of your choice including logos, photos, artwork or abstracts. Recycled plastic carpeting is made from 100% recycled plastic soda bottles. It is priced competitively with nylon carpet, but is much more durable and stain resistant.



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