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Things to know about Cork Flooring



Those considering renovating a home could consider cork sourced from Portugal and Spain from the bark of cork oaks, which can be peeled every 8 to 10 years for many decades.



Many small farmers can make a good living for themselves. 1000 kilograms of cork can be produced on this ecologically valuable landscape. It is crushed to granules and pressed with a binder to tiles and blocks.



Some cork suppliers insist that cork flooring could be suitable for all places in your house or office, even the bathroom. This unique flooring provides a quiet, comfortable walking surface and is a very good choice for all places with a need for comfortable walking and standing. Cork is an excellent acoustic and thermal insulator made up of tiny air-filled chambers, it is heat resistant (cork is also used in space shuttles as heat protection). Cork does not charge electrostatically and contains natural substances that prevent rotting of cork flooring.

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This soft material is vulnerable to sharp objects, which are likely to puncture the floor. Heavy furniture could leave dents. Consider [protective padding](#). The properties of natural cork can brighten up under an intense and direct sunlight due to its natural origin. Expect slight variations in brightness of color in cork, even within a batch. This is typical for natural cork.



Properly maintained cork flooring can be a durable material providing that the proper sealants are applied to the surface every few years to keep its waterproof characteristics; in which case it can be easily cleaned by vacuuming or sweeping once a week. For a more thorough cleaning of the surface, look for pH neutral cleaning agents, which are recommended. For a natural cleaning, a simple mixture of water and vinegar is suggested.



There are colored and undyed cork qualities - solid parquet and cork prefabricated parquet. Suppliers offer a variety of materials for practically every home and office: treated, untreated, oiled, waxed, transparent sealed or colored sealed. Colorant ingredients are typically undeclared and coatings cannot be sanded again if there is damage to the covering. Recommended are natural surface coatings such as beeswax or natural resin.

Installation methods for solid cork tiles (4 or 6 mm thick) are firmly glued to the subfloor. This material is suitable for heavy use since the cork layer can be sanded several times. This method is recommended for kitchens and bathrooms. Installation methods for prefabricated parquet is made of cork veneer on a wooden fiber support plate and is laid floating (glued or with click connection). This option is moisture-sensitive. This option is recommended

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