



CORK FLOORING

Cork is the bark of the Cork Oak tree, which naturally sheds its bark periodically. This tree grows in Mediterranean climates and has a life span ranging from 150-200 years. After the first 25 years of growth, the bark is harvested for the first time, using traditional hand labor methods. This process is repeated every nine years, at no time affecting the health of the tree. During each harvest, no more than 50% of the bark is removed, allowing the tree to protect itself using its natural defenses.

Cork flooring is remarkably durable having performed in installations at Harvard, Dartmouth and the Smithsonian Institute in some cases for over 80 years. Cork is suitable for any room in the house except bathrooms, especially where comfort under foot and sound attenuation is desired.

During the manufacturing process, all raw materials are consumed, either for the finished flooring product or as an energy source. Additionally, all recommended finishes, sealers, and adhesives are water-based and environmentally friendly.

Not only does cork provide one of the most durable, beautiful and comfortable floors available, but it also helps conserve our precious natural resources. When installed, cork provides a long lasting, anti-static, scuff and slip-resistant floor, giving your interior a warm, natural look and feel.

Some of the great things about Cork:

Durable:	Cork is remarkably resistant to wear.
Environmental:	Cork is harvested from the renewable bark of the Cork Oak tree, without cutting or harming the trees themselves.
Hypoallergenic:	Cork does not absorb dust and consequently does not cause allergies.
Sound Dampening:	The density of cork is extremely low giving the material wonderful sound attenuating properties.
Comfort:	When released from pressure, cork recovers very rapidly to its original shape, giving cork flooring a wonderful cushion underfoot feel.
Fire Retardant:	Cork does not spread flames and does not release toxic gases during combustion
Impermeable:	The presence of Suberin, renders cork impervious to both liquids and gases.

To learn more about Cork:

Visit our 6000 ft² showroom where you can see over 100 samples of Cork from five different manufacturers. The most comprehensive Cork display in New England.

