# Start thinking green with eco-friendly flooring

There's nothing hippy about eco-friendly flooring.

Cork is the latest trend, terracotta is modern and leather is the ultimate in luxury.

# Cork

Cork is a surprising product. First of all, it's 100% ecological because it is harvested without felling a single tree. In fact, cork is extracted from the cork

oak tree. After each harvest, the bark grows back with an even softer texture. Soft on the feet, cork has other interesting properties: it is a sound as well as a heat insulator and it absorbs shocks and pressure. Cork also keeps its elasticity and retains its original shape, no matter how much traffic there is and how ever long furniture remains in the same place.

# Leather

We all know about leather furniture and even leather curtains, but until now most of us didn't know that leather could be a floor covering as well, just like in Dubai. Because of the efforts of an entrepreneurial inventor from Rennes, France, the charm of a leather floor covering is within everyone's reach. Thanks to a wide range of styles, all kinds of designs and shades are available.

## **Terracotta**

This type of tiling is still manufactured in the traditional way: clay, water, pigment and fire. Nature at everyone's doorstep.

## Linoleum

The old-fashioned image of linoleum is a thing of the past. These days it has been reinvented and is now ultramodern. Not surprising considering its eco-friendly composition: flax oil, natural resins, wood flour, cork, limestone and natural pigments all on a jute canvas backing. What's more, the difficulties of laying linoleum no longer exist as this type of flooring is now available in tiles which can be fitted together or glued.



