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THE GREEN MINDS

Meet the game changers of sustainable design in India

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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Step inside our
FLOORING SPECIAL

Designs, innovations and ideas from Somany Ceramics



BEST FOOT FORWARD

A guided walk through
on the most popular
flooring options and
how to care for them

FEATURE **TASNEEM MERCHANT**

CEMENTILES

As the name suggests, these are small blocks of cement that are compressed into tiles. These are often handmade and involve a mold that has been crafted after a specific design. The material is a fine mix of Portland cement, marble powder, sand and natural coloured pigments that are mixed and given shape through a hydraulic press.

HOW TO CARE

Stick to just water to clean your cement tiles. Avoid spillages and if any do occur, blot and dry immediately to prevent them from soaking into the tile and leaving a stain. If you feel the top layer has become dull, use a wet-dry sandpaper to remove a micro top layer and reveal a fresher one underneath. ►

(SWATCHES FROM TOP) Pill cocktail 21, ₹11,875; Dot 5, ₹10,781; Eclipse 245, ₹11,875; all from Bisazza. Shopping Guide on Pg 78.

Contemporary
Terrazzo by
Anirudh Mehta for
Bharat Floorings
and Tiles.

VITRIFIED TILE

Possibly the most common type of flooring found in the home, vitrified tiles are extremely durable. These are often used in high traffic areas as they come in scratch, stain and waterproof options. These also come in a wide range of colours, finishes and sizes, making them the ideal choice for customised floors.

HOW TO CARE

When cleaning vitrified tiles, steer clear of bleach and harsh acidic chemical products. Use a pH neutral cleaner to make your tiles last longer. Rinse off the cleaner with a damp towel or cloth to prevent damage.

(BELOW, LEFT TO RIGHT) Estoire Forest, ₹111 per sqft, Nitco. Neutral tile, ₹175 per sqft, Antica Ceramica. Rioha Statuario*, Somany Ceramics. Atlanta*, Villeroy & Boch. *PRICES ON REQUEST. Shopping Guide on Pg 78.



ENGINEERED WOOD

For those who love the look of timber, but want a more economical alternative, engineered wood is the best option. This does not expand or contract with changing seasons and can be used in moisture heavy areas as well. Yes, that means you can get a wood-like floor in the bathroom as well.

HOW TO CARE

Use diluted detergent and a mop to clean your engineered wood flooring. If you're sweeping, use a soft-bristled brush or when vacuuming, ensure it's the wooden floor attachment. When cleaning with just water, allow the floor to dry completely before repositioning furniture. ►

(BELOW, LEFT TO RIGHT) Oak Sea Mist*, Mikasa. Engineered hardwood flooring; Brown engineered flooring, both ₹350 per sqft onwards; both by Holz Parket from Lamiwood Flooring. *PRICE ON REQUEST. Shopping Guide on Pg 78.



Noce Rosso walnut wood flooring by Mikasa.



Burberry beige flooring from Classic Marble Company.

MARBLE

This natural stone finds a great amount of application in the house — flooring being one of them. It is largely used in the living and bathroom to make a luxe statement. While beautiful with its veining, marble is also highly porous and requires intensive care.

HOW TO CARE

As a golden rule, stay away from acidic chemicals to prevent chipping or discolouration. The best way to keep marble clean is through sweeping and mopping with a damp cleaner. Protect against stains by investing in a sealant and wiping off any spilled substance immediately.

(CLOCKWISE, FROM RIGHT) Magma gold; Blue illusion; Amazonite; Blue Bhaiya; all from Classic Marble Company. ALL PRICES ON REQUEST. *Shopping Guide on Pg 78.*



Western red cedar decking from Canadian Wood.



Solid wood flooring from Square Foot.

HARDWOOD

Perhaps the best way to inject warmth in any space is by covering it with wooden flooring. Polished hardwood surfaces however, may expand or contract with the changing climate, and are labour intensive to lay down. Wooden floors are durable, strong and if looked after properly, can last generations.

HOW TO CARE

To avoid discolouration, don't use in areas that receive harsh sunlight. Wooden floors are easy to maintain with water and soap, however cleaners containing bleach should be avoided at all costs. Regular dusting will keep them looking good as new.

Shopping Guide on Pg 78.