



Benefits of natural floorcoverings

- ✓ **Breathe easy.** Unlike carpets with synthetic fibres, natural flooring does not hold static electricity so does not attract and cling on to dust particles. Consequently it is very good news for allergy sufferers.
- ✓ **Variety.** As there are different types of natural fibres there is a broad scope of options to choose from. This is particularly the case with regards to texture – anything from fat and chunky to neat and delicate weaves are available.
- ✓ **Low maintenance.** All good quality natural floor coverings should have a substantial latex back, which prevents dirt and debris falling through, and ensures easy maintenance with a suction type vacuum cleaner.



ABOVE: Polyx Oil from Osmo UK is a premium wood finish guaranteed to keep wooden surfaces in top condition. Ideal for solid engineered or laminate wood floors, it is a high quality, water-repellent and tread-resistant wood finish based on natural ingredients.

LEFT: ThermoWood plankwood flooring is an environmentally friendly alternative to rare, tropical wood. ThermoWood plankwood flooring offers a stunning alternative, because Osmo use common, domestic timbers, it also employs the principles of sustainable forestry. Available from Osmo UK.

BELOW LEFT: Available in four colours, Polyx®-Oil Colour Foundation is ideal for properties demanding the feel of bleached white boards or the traditional ambience dark brown flooring provides. Available from Osmo UK.



Benefits of Stone

- ✓ **Appropriate.** Stone offers a classic look for traditional houses, limestones in particular are very sympathetic to British architecture.
- ✓ **Graceful ageing.** It is one of the few materials used in the home that genuinely improves with age. A well laid stone floor will provide you with an attractive and durable surface for years, if not generations to come.
- ✓ **Versatility.** Unlike most other floor surfaces, stone can be used in areas other than the floor. A stone floor matched with stone worktops, splash back and walls makes for a seamlessly chic hotel feel.

ABOVE: Indoor flagstones in oatmeal coloured Cotswold. They are purposely designed to have a slight colour variance across the floor to enhance the aged appearance, whereas other flagstones are generally made to the same colour. Available from Rudloe Stoneworks Ltd.

RIGHT: These Westminster floor tiles from H&E Smith would make an impact in any room.

BELOW RIGHT: Available from Cargo Granite, these Crema Marfil honed tiles in cream are priced £65.00 per metre squared.

