

TILES

Window coverings

Options for window treatments include natural grasses, such as reeds, handwoven natural flax and sisal, and tree bark strips, and pesticide-free canvas. See:

French General, Provenance collection
www.frenchgeneral.com



Conrad Shades www.conradshades.com
 Earthshade www.earthshade.com

Upholstery

Silver State's Winds of Change is made from recycled and recyclable polyester derived from PET water bottles. The collection offers dark, light, neutral and bright colours in 13 patterns.

www.silverstatetextiles.com

The Elements collection takes advantage of Backhausen's Returnity innovation. At the end of its life cycle, the Trevira CS fabric is returned and recycled, earning it Cradle to Cradle Gold certification.

www.backhausen.com

Danfield's EcoHides faux leather product is made from farm-bred mimosa trees. Developed using vegetable dyes and waxes, the fabric has a near-zero VOC level.

www.danfieldinc.com

Mod Green Pod's colourful patterns are printed on upholstery-weight, 100 per cent locally grown organic cotton canvas.

www.modgreenpod.com

Incorporating ramie, a fibre used in ancient Egypt, Climatex specializes in seating upholstery. Bonded with wool and polyester, the materials work together to conserve heat, absorb moisture and provide cooling.

www.climatex.com

Durable and available in 1,000 colours and textures, Victor Innovatex's Eco Intelligence fabrics are ideal for panels, seating and curtains. The fabrics are Cradle to Cradle Gold certified.

www.victor-innovatex.com

From Designtex, the Nylon 6 and Cut to the Chase collections are made from recycled polyester. Most of the eco-friendly fabrics emit low VOC levels, and carry certifications from Cradle to Cradle to Greenguard.

www.designtex.com



PAINTS

Paints

Water-based, low-VOC, formaldehyde-free MDF particleboard is a common eco-friendly source for wall coverings. Following manufacturers take an extra step further by incorporating agricultural waste, as with the following:

GreenSource, reclaims of ryegrass seed harvest. Some products are certified and low VOC emitting and water-based adhesives.
 (VOC free)
www.green-source.com
 Green Industries, ryegrass stems
www.greenindustries.com
 Green Composites (LEED earning)
www.greencomposites.com
 Green EED and FSC)
www.green-eed.com
 Green Products, Duramine (FSC)
www.greenproducts.com
 Green (FSC) www.panelsource.net
www.marlite.com

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Boomerang Recycled Paint
www.boomerangpaint.com
 Visions Recycling
www.visionsrecycling.com
 Calibre Environmental
www.calibreenvironmental.com
 Sherwin-Williams, Duration Home, Harmony
www.sherwin-williams.com
 Farrow & Ball, Estate Emulsion, Estate Eggshell, Water Based Eggshell, Water Primer and Undercoat, Modern Emulsion
www.farrow-ball.com
 American Pride
www.americanpridepaint.com
 Sico, Cashmere, Chamois, Shantung
www.sico.ca
 Benjamin Moore, Natura
www.benjaminmoore.com
 Ecos Organic Paints www.ecospaints.com
 AFM Safecoat Paints www.afmsafecoat.com
 Mythic www.mythicpaint.com
 C2 Lovo www.c2color.com
 Yolo Color House www.yolocolorhouse.com

STAINS AND VARNISHES

CBR Products, Broda
www.cbrproducts.com
 BioShield www.bioshieldpaint.com
 Land Ark www.landarkwoodfinish.com

DID YOU KNOW?

Many hardware stores, including Home Depot, will take back unfinished cans of paint and remix them into new batches.



Natural coverings

Alternative wall coverings include natural fibre textiles, rice papers, hemp and recycled papers. Coatings may include minerals, plant fibres and cotton.

NATURAL FIBRES

Maharam natural fibre collection
www.maharam.com
 Fibreworks www.fibreworks.com
 JaDecor www.jadecor.com

OTHER

Carnegie's Xorel and Surface IQ are Cradle to Cradle certified. www.carnegiefabrics.com
 Phillip Jeffries's Bamboo Forest uses the abundant grass as a covering.
www.phillipjeffries.com

Wallpaper

Using wood pulp from managed forests and recyclable and renewable materials (such as fabric fibres and post and pre-consumer waste paper), these papers are available in rich or neutral colours, and a multitude of patterns.

Innovations, Innvironments
www.innovationsusa.com
 Graham & Brown, Eco Collection
www.grahambrown.com
 Mio www.mioculture.com
 Madison & Grow
www.madisonandgrow.com

KITCHENS

Choose to build a kitchen from source FSC-certified woods and composites. For manufactured kitchens, there are a few kitchen companies that use green cabinetry.

Green collection, Toronto's AyA crafts kitchens out of urea-formaldehyde-free and particleboard. Its finishes, UV-cured topcoat, emit no VOC pollutants.
www.greenkitchens.com

Green Cabinetry, based in Ontario, offers a complete indoor kitchen, as well as exterior door panels are made

of Plyboo, and the biodegradable substrate from kraft paper and recycled MDF fibres.
www.umbrellacabinetry.com

Berkeley Mills, in California, makes kitchens and other interior systems out of FSC-certified materials, including bamboo.
www.berkeleymills.com

Besides an all-PaperStone kitchen, New York's Bazzee offers cabinetry of all kinds in 85 per cent recycled and eco-friendly materials, including wood from certified sources, and non-toxic laminates, aluminum and glass, all finished with non-toxic paints and lacquers. The manufacturer also plants a tree, through the Tree People, for each of its clients. www.bazzeo.com

Besides their vibrant colours and compositions, Valcucine's kitchens are best known for their lightness. The Italian manufacturer minimizes their material makeup through the use of ultra-thin glass doors, finished in water-based citrus oils, that snap into aluminum frames. For inserts, it uses wood from farmed trees, rather than old-growth forests, and offsets double its carbon emissions through replanting.
www.valcucine.it

With the launch of Green Mind, the Italian manufacturer Scavolini now uses Idroleb ecological panels, made of low-formaldehyde post-consumer, FSC-certified wood. It also contributes to a tree-planting program through LifeGate.
www.scavolinigreenmind.it



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