



**NEW FLOOR, NEW LOOK**  
**- BAMBOO FLOORING IS PRE-FINISHED**

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**Today's Home; Lou Manfredini shows floors that are easy to install yourself**

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NATALIE MORALES, anchor: This morning on TODAY'S HOME, we're going to floor you with some easy to install surfaces that'll give any room a brand-new look, and you can do it in a weekend or less. Home fix-it expert Lou Manfredini is here to show us the latest in do-it-yourself flooring.

Lou, good to have you here.

Mr. LOU MANFREDINI (Today Contributor): I get it, "floor you."

MORALES: Floor you.

Mr. MANFREDINI: I got it.

MORALES: And look, I got my apron on, because you're going to put me to work here. But no pros necessary. Stuff--this is--everything you can do yourself.

Mr. MANFREDINI: Yeah, you can. And you can get professionals to install this, as well. We don't have a ton of time.

MORALES: Right.

Mr. MANFREDINI: Take a look at this bamboo floor.

MORALES: This is in great...(unintelligible).

Mr. MANFREDINI: This is from a company called Teragren, and what I really like about this is it's truly a sustainable product...

MORALES: Mm-hmm.

Mr. MANFREDINI: ...in how they do this. The bamboo that they harvest is about five to seven years old, which, just like any type of material, the longer it grows, the harder it is.

MORALES: Right.

TEXT:

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Teragren Studio Bamboo Flooring: \$6-\$8 Uninstalled

Bamboo flooring is pre-finished

Mr. MANFREDINI: Some of the knock with a lot of the bamboo that you buy that's really cheap is that it's not hard enough, it doesn't expand and contract well and so it doesn't last. It's not from managed forestry.

MORALES: So this is durable, it's going to last. Now, how easy is this to install?

Mr. MANFREDINI: Like this. Look how beautiful that is in that part.

MORALES: You just click it together, right?

Mr. MANFREDINI: It's that quick. Now, if we can look here, in this--here, really closely. What's unique about their--they have a patent on this. These are all bamboo plies.

MORALES: Beautiful.

Mr. MANFREDINI: A lot of the bamboo that you find now that's inexpensive, just the top is bamboo...

MORALES: Mm-hmm.

Mr. MANFREDINI: ...the rest is not. And it's--the base, it's a natural base adhesive...

MORALES: Right.

Mr. MANFREDINI: ...latex-based, so it's less harmful for the environment.

MORALES: This is...

Mr. MANFREDINI: Beautiful colors...

MORALES: ...the most green product out there right now, right?

Mr. MANFREDINI: ...the real deal.

MORALES: (Unintelligible)...right?

OK, now moving over to carpeting, I'm actually doing this in my son's room, actually, this very sort of same design. This is by Flor.

Mr. MANFREDINI: It's a company called Flor, F-L-O-R. The tiles start at about \$7.

MORALES: Right.

TEXT:

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Flor Modular Carpet Tile: \$7 And Up

Mr. MANFREDINI: Here's what's unique about this. These are rubber-backed tile that you can literally cut with a straightedge like this. You lay it on there like this, and with this straightedge...

MORALES: Mm-hmm.

Mr. MANFREDINI: ...you can cut and shape and put these tiles together. They have these things called dots...

MORALES: Right.

Mr. MANFREDINI: ...that glue the--they stick the to back, OK? Look at the couple samples I have in the front.

MORALES: Beautiful.

Mr. MANFREDINI: All different samples, all different styles, textures. They--from a recycling standpoint, it's really neat. They're committed, the company, that nothing will end up in a landfill. When you're done...

MORALES: Right.

Mr. MANFREDINI: ...you can remove these and clean them in the sink if they get dirty.

MORALES: Wonderful.

Mr. MANFREDINI: But when you're done and you say, 'Oh, I want a new floor. It's just too dingy,' they will arrange for a pick-up at your house.

MORALES: Really?

TEXT:

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Tiles can be easily replaced

Mr. MANFREDINI: They'll take it back to their company, recycle it and make new product.

MORALES: Wow. That's incredible.

OK, moving over here to tiling.

Mr. MANFREDINI: SnapStone is this.

MORALES: SnapStone.

Mr. MANFREDINI: This is a really unique product. It's brand-new. And what's unique about this is these are--it's a floating tile--porcelain tile floor. So what happens is you knock it together...

MORALES: Uh-huh.

Mr. MANFREDINI: ...let me move this out of the way--with a mallet.

TEXT:

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SnapStone Porcelain Tiles: \$5-\$7 Per Sq. Ft.

Can be installed and grouted same day

Mr. MANFREDINI: You see these plastic strips here? It goes together like a click-together floor, OK?

MORALES: Oh, wow.

Mr. MANFREDINI: Now you grout it.

MORALES: That's great.

Mr. MANFREDINI: If you look at the sample we have on the floor in front of me...

MORALES: Right.

Mr. MANFREDINI: ...there's one we put together. It actually has a urethane grout that stays flexible, goes right over the top of any sound floor.

MORALES: Beautiful.

Mr. MANFREDINI: It's about--I think it's about 5 to \$7 a foot. And...

MORALES: It's great. That's a bargain.

Mr. MANFREDINI: ...you cut it with a wet saw. Here we go.

MORALES: OK. Here we go. This is where you get...

Mr. MANFREDINI: Come on this--yeah, I'll take your paperwork here.

MORALES: OK.

Mr. MANFREDINI: Put that on.

MORALES: What do I do?

Mr. MANFREDINI: This is a wet saw that you can rent for about \$60 a day. It's going to make some noise. You're going to slowly cut this.

MORALES: And the wet because it kicks off a lot of dust, right?

Mr. MANFREDINI: There's no dust now.

MORALES: OK.

Mr. MANFREDINI: Go ahead and grab that firmly. Go ahead and--nice and slow, nice and slow. Slow down. Now back up.

MORALES: Just watch the fingers.

Mr. MANFREDINI: That's all right. You want to go slowly with this. But you'll rent one of these...

MORALES: OK.

Mr. MANFREDINI: ...it'll make the job go quite easily. You were...

MORALES: Great.

Mr. MANFREDINI: ...you were in a hurry there.

MORALES: Yeah, I'm trying because we--I got to wrap. But, Lou Manfredini, thank you very much. We get the idea. And these are all great options for flooring.

Mr. MANFREDINI: Sounds great.

MORALES: Thanks so much.

You can find out more about doing-it-yourself flooring on our Web site, [todayshow.com](http://todayshow.com).

Coming up next, Al's splish-splashing around at the world's largest aquarium. We're going to take you there once again right after this.