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“People are turning homeward and focusing their resources on taking care of home and family. There’s nothing quite like the warmth, sanctuary, or value of a natural wood floor.”

—Michele J. Zelman, public relations professional for Armstrong Flooring

BAMBOO BASICS

Bamboo grass grows to more than 80 feet tall in only five to six years, more than eight times faster than hardwood trees. Similar to mowing grass, harvesting bamboo does not kill the plant. After harvesting, the bamboo grass is split and flattened and then made into all-bamboo or engineered planks using an environmentally safe adhesive.

Like its wood counterpart, bamboo planks come in different widths to complement a variety of styles, whether casual, formal, traditional, or modern. The material can also be stained in a variety of colors. To ensure bamboo remains Earth-friendly, choose water-based stains and low- or non-VOC top coats.



TERAGREN SIGNATURE NATURALS

▲ **NATURAL CONNECTION** In this soothing great-room, bamboo plank floors complement natural slate tiles and a sea-inspired color scheme. The durable flooring continues into the adjacent kitchen and onto the stair landing.

◀ **GRASS ROOTS** Bamboo flooring, as shown in this kitchen, looks, feels, and wears like wood. Its quiet coloration and subtle grain pattern underscore the serene ambience.