

Raw materials

Recycled glass, leather scraps, water-based paints, and even bark add up to earth-conscious finishes that are easy on the eyes.

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Countertops

Vetrazzo Countertops Composed of recycled glass mixed with cement and other recycled materials from US sources, \$90-\$100 per square foot installed from Gerrity Stone, 225B Merrimac Street, Woburn, 781-938-1820, gerritystone.com

Teragren Bamboo Parquet Butcher Block A bamboo alternative to traditional butcher block that's formaldehyde-free and finished with mineral oil and beeswax, \$41 per square foot at Terrene Building Supply, 275D Centre Street, Newton, 617-244-6200, terrenellc.com

Squak Mountain Stone Similar in look and feel to soapstone and limestone but made from cement and waste, including glass dust and paper, about \$100 per square foot installed at Green Interiors through The Organic Mattress, 348 Boston Post Road, Sudbury, 978-369-8222, theorganicmattress.com

Floors

EcoLux Metallic Wood Flooring Gilded bamboo, engineered wood, and wood harvested sustainably, starting at \$35 per square foot at EcoModern Design, One Design Center Place, Suite 543, Boston, 617-261-0300, ecomoderndesign.com

APC Cork Floor Tiles Made from the bark of cork oak trees, which the trees can regenerate, starting at \$5.50 per square foot at Best Tile, 10 Pilgrim Hill Road, Plymouth, 508-732-8911, besttile.com

EcoDomo Leather Floor Tiles Made of leather scraps from car upholstery and other sources, mixed with natural rubber and acacia bark, \$9-\$27 per square foot at ProSource, 956 Turnpike Street, Canton, 781-575-9951, prosourcefloors.com

Wallcoverings *Madison and Grow "Maggie the Red Boathouse" Wallpaper* Silk-screened by hand using water-based ink on recycled papers from US mills and a manufacturing process that emits no volatile organic compounds, \$150 per roll at Red M Studio, 164 Prince Street, Boston, 617-523-2073

Nama Rococo "Serious Bokay" Wallpaper Hand painted using water-based inks and paints without solvents on archival French paper, \$126 per sheet at Koo de Kir, 65 Chestnut Street, Boston, 617-723-8111, koodekir.com

Lori Weitzner Ltd. "Newsprint" WallCovering

Made from recycled strips of newspaper woven on a hand loom, \$100-\$150 per roll, available to the trade only, Donghia, One Design Center Place, Suite 401, Boston, donghia.com ■