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### Put Your Foot Down on New Flooring

Good-bye orange shag carpet of the 1970's and checkered black and white tiles from the 1990's! There are plenty of new and exciting flooring options for those consumers searching for a twist on where their feet step. From gorgeous reclaimed or distressed look of hardwoods, to the softness of ceramic tiles and cork, to the luscious cozy feel of leather, today's flooring is anything but stuck in yesteryear. To get you started, we've tracked, hunted and unearthed heaps of the latest and greatest in flooring. In fact, there are so many innovative options; it will floor you -- literally.



#### Brilliant Bamboo:

The benefits of Teragren strand bamboo? It's incredibly durable, 154 percent harder than Red Oak to be exact, making it perfect for high-traffic areas; and it's distinct striped look screams "I'm eco-friendly," which is huge in certain crowds.

Strand bamboo flooring is created with a special manufacturing process that fuses together bamboo strands with an environmentally safe adhesive. Available in Java (shown here), Chestnut, Wheat and a Brindle -- a blend of natural and caramelized bamboo strands -- this line is an extremely durable, eco-friendly design solution for homeowners who want style as well as to help the environment. It has 7-coat German finish, including a wear layer of abrasion-resistant aluminum oxide, plus two scratch-resistant, polyurethane topcoats that protect the bamboo fiber's natural strength and beauty; its finish is water-based and solvent-free.

Bonus: It is also manufactured according to U.S. and European environmental standards, qualifies for FloorScore certification through Scientific Certification Systems (SCS).

Cost: Teragren's Synergy Strand Solid Strip Bamboo Flooring retails between \$7-8 per square foot uninstalled.

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