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# Metropolitan Home

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## Bamboo Flooring: Questions to Ask Before You Buy

### **1. What do I need to know about bamboo flooring?**

Bamboo is a very hard, rapidly renewable grass that can be engineered into planks to make beautiful, durable, environmentally friendly flooring. Look for a manufacturer that maintains high quality standards including the exclusive use of the Moso species, sustainably harvested at peak fiber density, stringent manufacturing processes, environmentally friendly finishes and adhesives, independent U.S. quality testing and exceptional warranties.

### **2. How much does it cost?**

Fine bamboo flooring costs between \$6 and \$8 per square foot.

### **3. Is there a bamboo style for me?**

Bamboo flooring comes in a variety of grains, colors, lengths and widths, suitable for any decor. Synergy strand bamboo is 100% harder than oak and is ideal in high traffic areas.

### **4. Are matching products available?**

Bamboo panels are perfect for cabinetry or built-ins and butcher block is a great choice for countertops. Flooring trim, architectural casings and floor vents complete the look.

### **5. What about color choices?**

Options include natural and caramelized tones and stain colors such as cherry, espresso, walnut and charcoal. Strand bamboo comes in wheat, chestnut, java and the newest color, brindle.

### **6. How is bamboo flooring installed?**

Bamboo flooring can be nailed, stapled and glued. Floating floors, made with a self-locking system, require no adhesive. Some types can be installed below grade.

### **7. Is bamboo easy to care for?**

Look for bamboo flooring with a 5-coat, water-based, solvent free finish. Vacuum and sweep regularly and wipe with a manufacturer-recommended hardwood floor cleaner.

Learn about Teragren bamboo products at [www.teragren.com](http://www.teragren.com)



**Beauty with substance.**  
Durable Teragren® bamboo products meet stringent international and U.S. environmental standards. Unlike importers, Teragren controls manufacturing from harvest to distribution for consistent quality.



Vertical Grain Caramelized panels complement Synergy Java strand bamboo flooring.

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