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Flooring made with bamboo is an eco-friendly product

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DEAR MI-LING: I have a friend who is renovating a cottage and would like to install wood flooring on the property. Have you heard of a type of bamboo called tiger bamboo? If so, where can I find it? Thanks.

Richard

DEAR RICHARD: I have received a number of questions over the years about bamboo products. There is definitely a new mindset among homeowners and designers to incorporate eco-friendly products into their design plans.

Bamboo flooring in general is an excellent way to accomplish these goals since bamboo regenerates and is usually harvested between three and five years.

According to BambooIndustry.com, tiger bamboo is a strand-woven bamboo flooring product.

This is accomplished by mixing natural strips and carbonized strips during the production of a strand-woven block and after pressing, cutting and slicing the appearance of strand woven is changed to tiger bamboo.

It has a very unusual tigerlike design, with light and dark colors interwoven. You can visit that Web site for more information about tiger bamboo.

I also spoke with Nina St. Peter from ProSource Floors in Oklahoma City. St. Peter said they carry a product from Teragren, a company that patented the strand process. They have several designs that look similar to tiger bamboo.

For more information on bamboo flooring, visit teragren.com.

Aside from bamboo flooring, you can also find other products that have been made with bamboo such as clothing, furniture and outdoor tiki lanterns.

Have fun incorporating bamboo into your lifestyle.

Now go out and create your own unique comfort zone!

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