

♥ TEXTILES

Window coverings

Natural fibre options for window treatments include renewable grasses, such as reeds and bamboo, handwoven natural flax and hemp strands and tree bark strips, and durable, pesticide-free canvas. See:

Hunter Douglas, Provenance collection
www.hunterdouglas.ca
French General www.frenchgeneral.com



Conrad Shades www.conradshades.com
Earthshade www.earthshade.com

Upholstery

Silver State's Winds of Change is made from recycled and recyclable polyester derived from PET water bottles. The collection offers dark, light, neutral and bright colours in 13 patterns.
www.silverstatetextiles.com

The Elements collection takes advantage of Backhausen's Returnity innovation. At the end of its life cycle, the Trevira CS fabric is returned and recycled, earning it Cradle to Cradle Gold certification.
www.backhausen.com

Danfield's EcoHides faux leather product is made from farm-bred mimosa trees. Developed using vegetable dyes and waxes, the fabric has a near-zero VOC level.
www.danfieldinc.com

Mod Green Pod's colourful patterns are printed on upholstery-weight, 100 per cent locally grown organic cotton canvas.
www.modgreenpod.com

Incorporating ramie, a fibre used in ancient Egypt, Climatex specializes in seating upholstery. Bonded with wool and polyester, the materials work together to conserve heat, absorb moisture and provide cooling.
www.climatex.com

Durable and available in 1,000 colours and textures, Victor Innovatex's Eco Intelligence fabrics are ideal for panels, seating and curtains. The fabrics are Cradle to Cradle Gold certified.
www.victor-innovatex.com

From Designtex, the Nylon 6 and Cut to the Chase collections are made from recycled polyester. Most of the eco-friendly fabrics emit low VOC levels, and carry certifications from Cradle to Cradle to Greenguard.
www.designtex.com



♥ WALL COVERINGS

Panelling

Formaldehyde-free MDF particleboard is the most common eco-friendly source for panels. The following manufacturers take MDF one green step further by incorporating reclaimed agricultural waste, as with Meadowood Industries' reclaiming of ryegrass stems after seed harvest. Some products are FSC certified and low VOC emitting and made with water-based adhesives.

ModularArts (VOC free)
www.modulararts.com
Meadowood Industries, ryegrass stems
www.meadowoodindustries.com
Environ Biocomposites (LEED earning)
www.environbiocomposites.com
SierraPine (LEED and FSC)
www.sierrapine.com
Roseburg Forest Products, Duramine (FSC)
www.roseburg.com
Panel Source (FSC) www.panelsource.net
Marlite (FSC) www.marlite.com

Paints and finishes

Eco-friendly paints come in several versions. Those containing water or organic compounds instead of synthetic solvents are much better at achieving low or zero VOC emissions. Recycled paints utilize leftovers from open cans, and are most often used for primer. Finishes like stains, varnishes and special effects are made from such natural ingredients as citrus peel extracts, seed oils, beeswax and tree resins.

PAINTS

Boomerang Recycled Paint
www.boomerangpaint.com
Visions Recycling
www.visionsrecycling.com
Calibre Environmental
www.calibreenvironmental.com
Sherwin-Williams, Duration Home, Harmony
www.sherwin-williams.com
Farrow & Ball, Estate Emulsion, Estate Eggshell, Water Based Eggshell, Water Primer and Undercoat, Modern Emulsion
www.farrow-ball.com
American Pride
www.americanpridepaint.com
Sico, Cashmere, Chamois, Shantung
www.sico.ca
Benjamin Moore, Natura
www.benjaminmoore.com
Ecos Organic Paints www.ecospaints.com
AFM Safecoat Paints www.afmsafecoat.com
Mythic www.mythicpaint.com
C2 Lovo www.c2color.com
Yolo Color House www.yolocolorhouse.com

STAINS AND VARNISHES

CBR Products, Broda
www.cbrproducts.com
BioShield www.bioshieldpaint.com
Land Ark www.landarkwoodfinish.com

DID YOU KNOW?

Many hardware stores, including Home Depot, will take back unfinished cans of paint and remix them into new batches.



Natural coverings

Alternative wall coverings include natural fibre textiles, rice papers, hemp and recycled papers. Coatings may include minerals, plant fibres and cotton.

NATURAL FIBRES

Maharam natural fibre collection
www.maharam.com
Fibreworks www.fibreworks.com
JaDecor www.jadecor.com

OTHER

Carnegie's Xorel and Surface IQ are Cradle to Cradle certified. www.carnegiefabrics.com
Phillip Jeffries's Bamboo Forest uses the abundant grass as a covering.
www.phillipjeffries.com

Wallpaper

Using wood pulp from managed forests and recyclable and renewable materials (such as fabric fibres and post and pre-consumer waste paper), these papers are available in rich or neutral colours, and a multitude of patterns.

Innovations, Innvironments
www.innovationsusa.com
Graham & Brown, Eco Collection
www.grahambrown.com
Mio www.mioculture.com
Madison & Grow
www.madisonandgrow.com

♥ KITCHENS

DIYers who choose to build a kitchen from scratch can source FSC-certified woods and eco-countertops. For manufactured solutions, here are a few kitchen companies that make green cabinetry.

For its EVO collection, Toronto's AyA crafts cabinetry out of urea-formaldehyde-free plywood and particleboard. Its finishes, including a UV-cured topcoat, emit no hazardous air pollutants.
www.ayakitchens.com

Umbrella Cabinetry, based in Ontario, offers the Sustainable Indoor Kitchen, as well as custom-made case goods for office interiors. The system's exterior door panels are made

of Plyboo, and the biodegradable substrate from kraft paper and recycled MDF fibres.
www.umbrellacabinetry.com

Berkeley Mills, in California, makes kitchens and other interior systems out of FSC-certified materials, including bamboo.
www.berkeleymills.com

Besides an all-PaperStone kitchen, New York's Bazzo offers cabinetry of all kinds in 85 per cent recycled and eco-friendly materials, including wood from certified sources, and non-toxic laminates, aluminum and glass, all finished with non-toxic paints and lacquers. The manufacturer also plants a tree, through the Tree People, for each of its clients. www.bazzo.com

Besides their vibrant colours and compositions, Valcucine's kitchens are best known for their lightness. The Italian manufacturer minimizes their material makeup through the use of ultra-thin glass doors, finished in water-based citrus oils, that snap into aluminum frames. For inserts, it uses wood from farmed trees, rather than old-growth forests, and offsets double its carbon emissions through replanting.
www.valcucine.it

With the launch of Green Mind, the Italian manufacturer Scavolini now uses Idroleb ecological panels, made of low-formaldehyde post-consumer, FSC-certified wood. It also contributes to a tree-planting program through LifeGate.
www.scavolinigreenmind.it

