

The Art of **CARPETING & DECOR**



with Dan Jones

PUT CORK ON IT!

It was the genius architect Frank Lloyd Wright who first introduced cork as a surfacing material in his designs of the 1920s. Ever since then, both residential and commercial spaces have featured the unique character of this wood by-product as a flooring surface. Cork flooring is produced by grinding up the bark into small pieces that are coated with a non-toxic resin binder. The finished cork floor retains a smooth, pebble appearance. Today's technology has improved cork's durability and maintenance and has greatly widened its array of patterns and colors. In addition to insulating against the heat and cold, cork floors offer sound absorption and underfoot comfort, and resistance to fire, mold, and mildew.

Whether you want to repeat the simplicity of the past or embrace the trends of the future, floor coverings today serve several functions. They can enhance a room's unique style, set the stage for a room's drama, even help regulate a room's temperature and noise level. Enlist the aid of a professional when choosing floor treatments that meet both practical and aesthetic criteria. Call us at CARPETS & FLOORS, INC. We're fun to work with and easy to find between Drake and McCellan on Lighthouse Ave., where only our very best will do.

HINT: Cork flooring may be purchased in hues ranging from honey tones to green and brown.

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