

Surfaces Naturals

COIR: Coir is made from the strong rugged fibres of the coconut husk. The husks are soaked in salt water ponds to soften the fibres (a process called retting) so that they may be separated and spun. Coir provides a strong, long lasting floor covering. We supply a herringbone design and a boucle design woven and backed on natural rubber latex backing. No dyes are used on coir carpeting. (CAN BE GLUED OR STRETCHED OR MADE INTO RUGS)

SEA GRASS: Grows in the tropical climates of China & Vietnam on the banks of rivers. The crop is harvested by hand, dried and handspun into cords before being woven into flooring. The finished product is backed with a latex backing. Provides a virtually stain proof hardy floor covering, with good wear life. (SHOULD BE GLUED DOWN OR MADE INTO RUGS)

HEMP (INDIAN JUTE): is soft and comes from the stalks of the giant Corchorus plants. A fine fibre is relatively soft, compared to Coir and Sisal. Chunky boucle and panama weaves are available and they have a rubber latex backing. No dyes are used but by careful selection of fibres we can offer a more golden colour or a silver grey. The woven loops are informal and rustic, with irregularities and knots characteristic. But no other natural carpet can offer the complex natural hues that the Hemp/Jute does. The most comfortable and luxurious of our natural fibres, but not as hard wearing, 3-5 years with normal use. (CAN BE FITTED ON FELT, GLUED ON RUBBERLAY OR MADE INTO BOUND RUGS)

SISAL: is extracted from the Agave Sisalana plant which is farmed in Brazil, Mexico and especially East Africa. The leaves are dense with a fine texture that are hand-picked and then crushed to extract the white fibres which can be spun to yarn. The white fibre takes dye extremely well and natural hues are created with subtle fibre blending. The sisal fibre is fine but strong and is machine woven on high tech machinery to produce very formal woven product. The sisal is very hard wearing, particularly the finer boucle styles. Sisal is prone to water-borne stains. (CAN BE FITTED ON FELT OR GLUED AND MAKES WONDERFUL BOUND RUGS)