

Royal Wood Floors Helps Home Owners in Milwaukee Understand More About Brazilian Cherry and Cork for Flooring

Milwaukee hard wood floor company educates home owners on Bamboo and Bubinga types of wood species that can be used successfully for flooring.

MILWAUKEE, WI, UNITED STATES, June 8, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ --Royal Wood Floors specializes in hard wood floor refinishing and installing hard wood floors in the greater Milwaukee area and has been highly successful for over 15 years. "After servicing or installing a new floor, we make a point of providing the following as a special series of tips for every customer in order to ensure that their floors are protected and provide that stunning hard wood beauty for as long as possible", says Keith Allman who owns Royal Wood Floors. He continues to say, "there are a variety of problems that can affect the beauty and life of hard wood floors and once these are isolated they can be handled properly so that the hard wood lasts for years the way it should". "We feel that by educating the home owner they can be better equipped to tackle a project themselves or will know what to ask and expect when working with professionals", he ends.

In many cases a wood floor that has lost its luster can be restored with a buff and coat project or a full restoration. The way to find out is to contact Royal Wood



Floors and schedule a free estimate where their professionals will evaluate exactly what must be done to restore the hard wood floors natural beauty. In this article we examine Brazilian Cherry & Cork as types of material that can be used for beautiful and long lasting wood floors.

Brazilian Cherry Wood

The appearance of Brazilian Cherry is gray-white were heartwood is salmon red to orange-brown

when fresh and becomes russet or reddish brown when seasoned and is often marked with dark streaks. The grain is mostly interlocked and the texture is medium to rather coarse. The variations within species and grades can differ from moderate to high color variations. The dimensional stability is average. However actual installations have shown significant movement. Longer than normal acclimation time for this wood is recommended. When it comes to the workability of this type of wood, when considering nailing, is that due to hardness it is very important that the angle of penetration be adjusted carefully. If using a pneumatic nailer, the air pressure should be adjusted accordingly. This type of wood can be sanded. Scratches are easily seen and each sanding must carefully remove the scratches from the previous cut or sanding marks will be visible in the finish.

When finishing this type of wood, occasionally white spots or specks that were not noticeable before finishing may be apparent once the floor is coated or after the floor has aged. These are spots of calcium carbonate and are a naturally occurring part of this type of wood. The origin of Brazilian Cherry is South America.

Cork for Flooring

Cork makes an incredible floor. It varies in color from light to dark tones. There are many different colors of cork available depending on the manufacturer that provides it. The grain has a distinctive look unlike wood. Cork is actually the bark of a type of oak tree. There are variations within species and grades. Many patterns are available, once again, depending on the manufacturer that provides it. With cork the property hardness varies. Its dimensional stability makes it where the cork reacts quickly, sometimes within hours, to changes in moisture.



Cork is generally not nailed, but rather installed using an adhesive. Use the finest grit possible to flatten the floor. The following sequences are recommended for use only with a multi-disk sander or a hard plate on a buffer. If the edger is used, fine sandpaper should be backed with a maroon pad. Small orbital sanders or hand-sanding are recommended for corners and wall lines, as hand-scrapers may gouge the cork. When it comes to finishing, all surface-type finishes are successfully used on cork (choose a finish that will bend as cork compresses). Oil-and-wax also is used frequently. You want to pay particular attention to subfloor preparation, as cork is very sensitive to moisture, and also transfers any imperfections in the subfloor to the surface appearance. The origin of cork is typically Spain and Portugal.

These types of wood species are both very workable for use in creating beautiful and long lasting floors.

"The best way to make sure that your hard wood floors are protected and as beautiful as they naturally can be, is to always do the research first or seek professional help. Then problems such as the ones described here can be prevented," says Allman.

For more information about this experienced and professional hardwood floor restoration and new installation company, or to schedule repairs by these wood floor refinishing contractors, or learn about custom wood styles or the company's inlay and medallion installation services, phone Keith Allman at 414-378-2066.

Easy estimates and appointments are currently available through the company's website, <u>http://royalwoodfloor.com/</u>. The company provides top craftsmanship and cares for many types of custom and domestic wood. Visit the company's website for examples of previous work.

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