

Practical Luxury

Leather is Right at Home on Floors

There's something comforting and luxurious about sinking into a well-worn leather chair or slipping on a pair of Italian leather shoes. Now, you can experience that same extravagant feel under your feet with leather floor tiles.

Billed as the ultimate luxury, this unique flooring product is right at home in fine residences, offices, private jets and even boats. Since leather absorbs sound, it's often used in music rooms, home theatres and art galleries. Leather floors are a perfect complement to the rich, warm woods often used in dens and libraries. Your decor doesn't have to be traditional to use leather; it also looks wonderful combined with architectural steel in contemporary interiors.

Unlike the soft feel of your favorite jacket, the leather used in floor tiles is tough to the touch, which allows it to withstand the rigors of daily use. Edelman Leather, a Connecticut company that supplies leather floor and wall tiles, has developed a vegetable tanning and dyeing process that makes its tiles both resilient and beautiful. Edelman's leather floor tiles are available in nine patterns and six stock colors: Natural, Dark Red, Dark Green, Brown, Black and Rust. Tiles have either a smooth finish or an antiqued, textured wild boar engraving. Custom colors may be available upon request. Over time, the color will become deeper and richer, developing the patina you'd expect from fine leather.

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Leather tiles are available
in a variety of shapes and sizes.

Edelman Leather's Wild Boar textured tiles
are practical for heavy-traffic areas.

Leather floor tiles can be used in everything
from private jets to walk-in closets.

The flooring can be placed in most rooms and is installed in a manner similar to ceramic tile. Carnuba wax is used to fill gaps between tiles, and the entire floor is then waxed and buffed several times before use. Normal maintenance consists of buffing every few weeks and waxing twice a year. Spills can be wiped up, and scratches tend to enhance the floor's natural and weathered look.

For a floor that gets better with age and displays your timeless sense of style, look into leather floor tiles, and then let your imagination run wild.