

CORK SHOPPING QUESTIONS CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to help you get all your questions answered when shopping for cork.

✓ Question	Reason for Asking / Key Points
<input type="checkbox"/> What are the pros/cons vs. other flooring?	If you are unsure that cork is for you this will help you decide.
<input type="checkbox"/> What different types of cork do you carry and how do they differ?	You should be shown the following to get an idea of the brands or types you like: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compositions (solid cork flooring, laminate cork flooring, mosaic) • Colors • Brands • Sizes • Textures • Price Ranges • Installation Methods
<input type="checkbox"/> What would you personally recommend for my situation?	Consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The look you are trying to achieve • Home décor and furnishings • Climate extremes and traffic level • Any pets, kids or disabilities you have • The type of room (including stairs) • Type of subfloor (wood, concrete) • Need for sound insulation • Lighting
Once You Have an Idea of What Product You are Leaning Toward...	
<input type="checkbox"/> It is made with a low VOC adhesive?	Look for adhesives that have a low VOC rating posted on the label. There are no significant odors, but like other products your home should be ventilated after installation.
<input type="checkbox"/> What is the average life expectancy?	This ranges from decades to a lifetime with proper care.
<input type="checkbox"/> What finishing products are used?	Many come with a special vinyl finish that helps to protect the cork and make cleaning easier. The newest development is a non-toxic oil finish.
<input type="checkbox"/> Is this preferred for a DIY installation?	Ask for DIY instructions. Can also be found on FindAnyFloor.com.
<input type="checkbox"/> What does the Manufacturer's Warranty cover and how long does it last?	Look for a warranty accompanied by a large US company backing the product. If you find a cheap warranty from a private labeled product without a big US presence, be cautious. Read the fine print!
<input type="checkbox"/> What can you tell me about the manufacturer and your experience with their products?	How long and how much have you sold? Customer Testimonials? Large or small/private label? # of years in business? Do they provide support?
Other Factors to Consider ...	
<input type="checkbox"/> Is the product in stock or does it have to be ordered? Is there a minimum order?	Rare products may take longer to ship. Ask your salesperson to check stock with the distributor. Normally you can order 1 box at a time.
<input type="checkbox"/> What is your return policy?	Find out penalties, fees and stipulations for returning. Can you return extra cork?
<input type="checkbox"/> What is the lead time before I can have this completely installed?	Consider factors such as ordering the product, waiting for arrival, acclimatization and installation.
<input type="checkbox"/> What other accessories or products might I need and do you carry them?	Examples: Moisture barrier or underlayment, adhesives, trims and moldings, tools for installation, rugs or mats
<input type="checkbox"/> Can you provide care instructions?	Follow all the manufacturer's instructions to ensure your warranty is not voided.
<input type="checkbox"/> Do you sell cleaning kits and repair kits?	Look for products recommended by the manufacturer.
<input type="checkbox"/> May I see a sample of the actual flooring?	If it is in stock, ask to remove a piece from actual box to inspect it (not all retailers will allow this). If undecided, ask to take a floor sample home. Evaluate how it looks with the other colors and the lighting in the room?
<input type="checkbox"/> What financing options are available?	Consider financing if you decide on a product that is more than your budget.
<input type="checkbox"/> Do you deliver?	If so, curbside or stacked in the installation area? Is there a fee? How many days do I have to schedule in advance? Do I need to move furniture? Are there any other preparations that I need to take?
<input type="checkbox"/> Do you offer installation? If not, do you have a list of licensed installers you recommend?	If not, use FindAnyFloor.com's "Find it Locally" Search Tool.