



**INTERNATIONAL
FLOORCOVERINGS
AUSTRALIA**

All your needs covered – naturally

Ancient materials with a modern touch

For thousands of years our ancient ancestors covered their floors with woven natural fibres like abaca, coir, sisal, jute, paper and seagrass. Modern technology has revolutionised these once primitive materials to produce strikingly simple floor coverings full of texture, character and style.

Elemental and dramatic, our woven floor coverings are the choice of modern designers and architects seeking to make an impact in classic and contemporary living spaces. Our range of woven carpets represent the best of a wide variety of available weaves, patterns and colours, but it's more than just good looks; these fibres are exceptionally good for asthma & allergy sufferers.

Sisal fibre is inherently Antimicrobial which means it naturally repels dust mites, it is also Anti Fungal as it regulates its own moisture and it is Anti Static, added to the nature of the very tight weaving construction of our carpets making them easy to maintain, as regular vacuuming will minimise the accumulation of dust in the carpet which is great news for those of us who suffer from allergies. They are also extremely hard wearing while providing warmth, sound absorption, and also surprisingly soft underfoot.



All of our woven carpets can be made into floor rugs or installed wall to wall using a quality underlay, giving you a luxurious feeling underfoot while also providing a good foot massage. International floorcoverings, having over 100 years experience with woven floor coverings, provide a fully guaranteed installation service, this includes a free measure and quote service in the Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne metropolitan areas as well as surrounding districts.

Our entire range of woven carpets are Environmentally friendly. Our natural plant fibre carpets are made from renewable resources are completely bio-degradable, the dyes used are acid free and conform with all European standards, which means all of our European Sisals and European Wool/Sisal mix products are certified environmentally friendly by GuT in Germany, who are arguably the most stringent green testing authority in Europe. Furthermore the Asian Sisal products we sell are also Green Tag certified in Australia.



Even our woven Platinum Antron® 6.6 Nylon fibre commercial carpet comes with the green tick of approval, this is due to the fibre being recyclable, the energy used for manufacturing the Antron® fibre is 30% lower than the European benchmark. Added to this is the durability of the product, lasting longer on the floor, lessens the need to replace it as often as normal carpet.





The truth about real sisal fibre

Some of the main features of **Sisal** are listed below:

- ANTIMICROBIAL (controls growth of bacteria, fungi & dust mites)
- Anti-Static (ideal for offices)
- Contains Natural Tannin preventing dust mite infestations
- Biodegradable
- Hard wearing
- Insulating
- Regulates Moisture



Sisal fibre is obtained from *Agave sisalana*, a native of Mexico but also grown in Brazil, China, Cuba, Kenya, Haiti, Madagascar, and Tanzania. This hardy plant grows well in a variety of hot climates, including dry areas unsuitable for other crops because the plant requires very little water and no fertilizer to grow. The leaves of the *Agave sisalana* plant from which **sisal** fibre is obtained grow quite quickly allowing the farmers to harvest the plant twice a year. After harvest, its leaves are cut and crushed in order to separate the pulp from the fibres. The fibres are then put through multiple combing processes to thin them out, getting them ready for processing.

Lustrous and creamy white, **sisal** fibre measures up to 1.2m in length, it is a coarse, hard fibre that is strong, durable and stretchable; it regulates its own moisture, resists saltwater deterioration, and has a fine surface texture that accepts a wide range of dyes

Sisal is used in twine and ropes, dartboards, specialty paper, filters, geotextiles, mattresses, wall coverings and beautiful floorcoverings. It is also used as reinforcement in plastic composite materials, particularly in automotive components, as well as a substitute for asbestos in brake pads. By-products from **sisal** extraction can be used for making bio-gas, pharmaceutical ingredients and building material.

Contact us

For samples or for more information on this fantastic product, contact our showrooms:

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