tessughero

cork fabric

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delivering nature

Cork, a renewable resource

Cork is the outer bark of the cork oak tree, which grows mainly in the Mediterranean region of the world. This tree has a life span of about 200 years. Each cork tree must be 20 to 25 years old before it can provide its first harvest of cork. After extracting the cork a new layer starts generating and nine years have to pass until a new harvest can take place. The cork harvesting is made in a sustainable manner and does not harm the tree which is never cut down or removed.

With the increasing concern for the environment, cork oak remains the only tree whose bark can regenerate itself after harvest leaving the tree unharmed. It is truly, a renewable, environmentally friendly resource. Furthermore, the cork oak tree has the remarkable capacity to retain carbon and a harvested cork tree fixates almost five times more carbon. This exceptional characteristic makes cork a naturally sustainable product and its use contributes to the preservation of a unique habitat in the world.

Why cork fabric

Natural and sustainable

The cork fabric is produced from thin sheets of natural cork obtained directly from the bark of the cork oak tree. The cork harvesting is made every nine years with minimal impact on the environment and no trees are cut down to bring you this product. Cork is the perfect environmentally friendly, renewable and sustainable material.

Safe and Hygienic

Cork fabric does not absorb dust and is resistant to bacteria and fungus. It does not cause allergies nor pose a risk to asthma sufferers. The finished product is dust, dirt, and grease repellent. Adhesives and finishing products used in the manufacturing of cork fabrics do not use heavy metals compounds, are formaldehyde-free and volatile organic compounds (VOC) emissions are not detectable.

Durable and Waterproof

The natural characteristics of cork, together with a series of specific treatments in the manufacturing process, make cork fabric amazingly wear resistant. If is also water and stain resistant, being easy to clean with just a damp cloth.

Innovative texture

Cork fabric provides the sophisticated look and luxurious feel of soft leather or nubuck suede. Some compare it to leather but really there is nothing comparable. Cork fabric is available in a unique assortment of textures and colours that stimulate design.

Multiple support backings

The thin cork sheets are laminated to a fabric support backing. A broad range of backings are available from various textile varieties to polyester, nylon or paper, depending on the use of the cork fabric.

Tessughero

Tessughero cork fabric provides the natural beauty and warmth of cork while allowing for the richness and durability of leather. Also known as cork leather or cork skin, this high quality cork fabric is a natural product produced from thin sheets of natural cork obtained directly from the bark of the cork oak tree. These thin cork sheets are adhered to a fabric support backing. Depending on the use of the cork fabric, several types of support backings are used, such as coagulated polyurethane, cotton, polyester, nylon, fleece or paper.
Much of the production is hand-crafted. This amazing fabric is natural and durable, easily washable, and highly fashionable. It is used in a variety of products including clothing, upholstered furniture, sofas and chairs, uppers of shoes and sandals, handbags, wallets and briefcases, decorative wall paper, labels, box lining, book binding, automotive industry, etc.

Technical features

Surface: original layer of natural cork finished for resistance to water, stain and abrasion.
Backing: coagulated polyurethane, cotton polyester, nylon or paper.
Size: roll of 1,4 meters wide.
Thickness: 0,8 mm approx.

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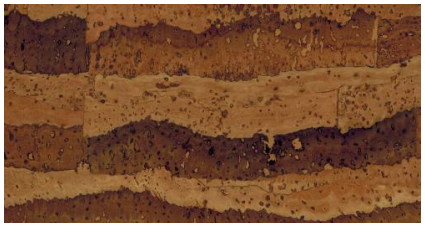
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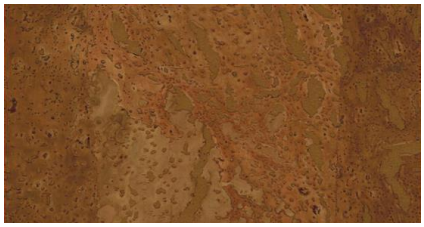
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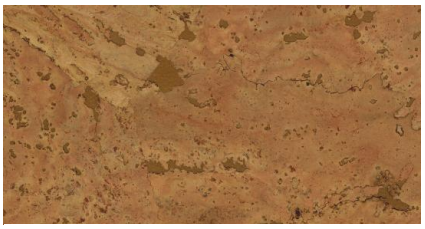
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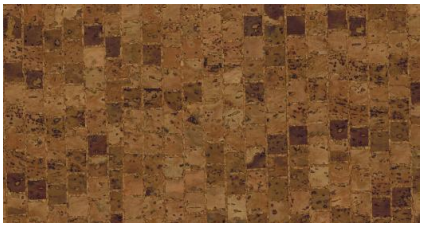
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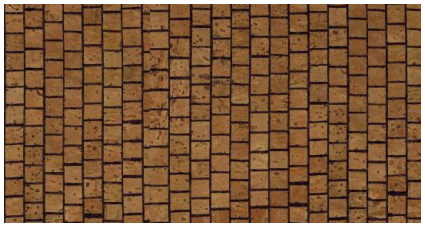
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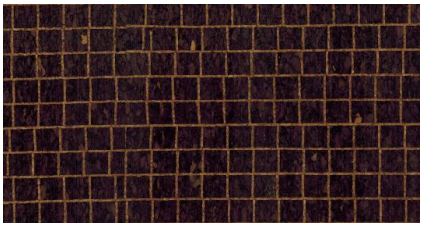
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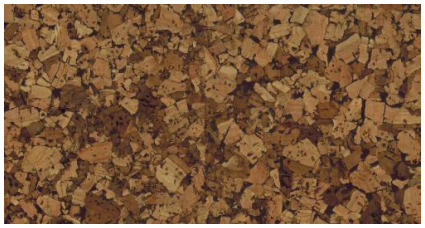
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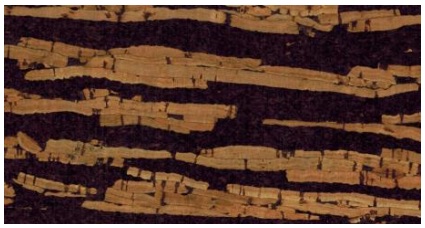
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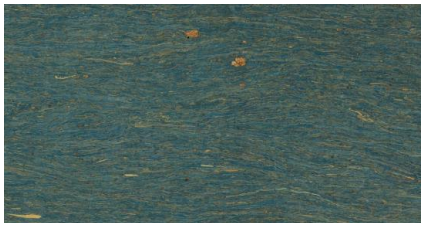
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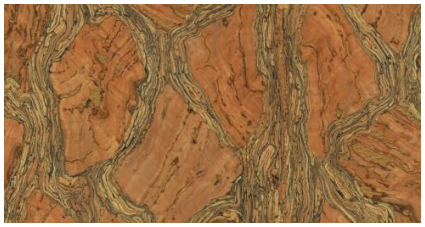
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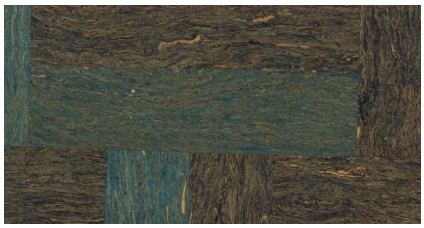
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Colours

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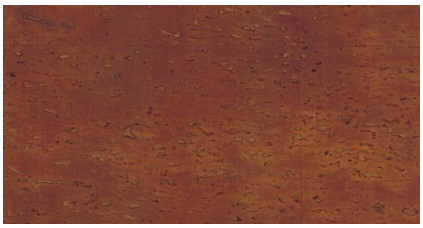

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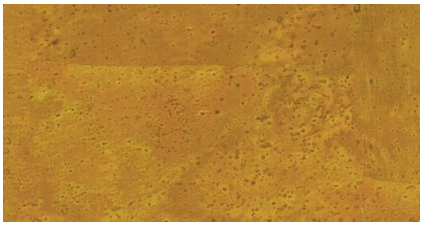

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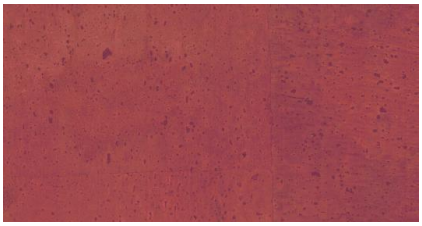

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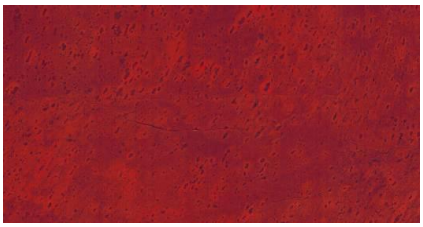

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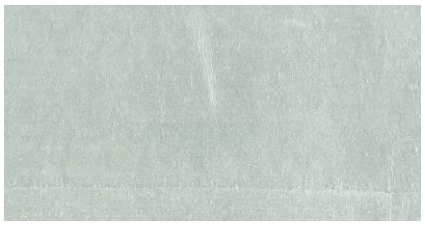

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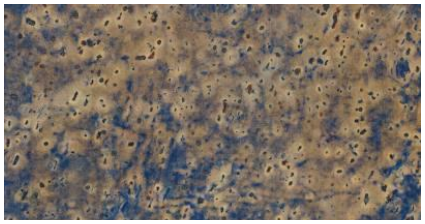

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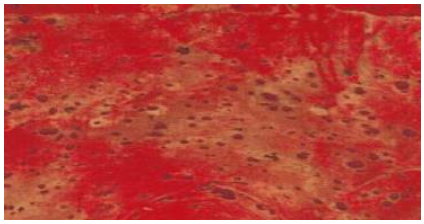

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Backings

The thin natural cork sheets are adhered to a fabric support backing. Depending on the use of the cork fabric, several types of support backings are used, such as coagulated polyurethane, cotton, polyester, nylon, fleece or paper.

Article	Type of backing	Uses
880	PU Coagulated lining light	footwear, leather goods, bookbinding
881	Thick PU Coagulated lining	footwear, leather goods, upholstery
882	Cotton/Polyester fabric	clothing, upholstery
883	Non woven Paper	wallcovering
884	Nylon fabric	raincoats, umbrellas
885	PU Coagulated lining dark	footwear, leather goods, bookbinding

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