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Green Materials Report – Wall Coverings

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Wall Coverings

In past posts in this series, we have focused on only one material at a time. This post, however, will look at two sustainable options for wall coverings. Both have been Cradle to Cradle certified and have documentation that makes them eligible for use for [LEED Materials and Resources](#) credits.

Bark House Poplar Panels for interior use

What Makes Them Green: No more than one in a thousand trees will yield a sheet of bark large enough to become a bark panel! Bark is removed from reclaimed trees in one unending and unbroken cylinder. The bark is flattened, kiln-dried, and cut into panels for use over plywood or drywall. No two are ever alike.



Green Product Certifications / Declarations: Panels for interior use are [Cradle to Cradle Silver Certified](#) and meet California VOC standards. No environmental product declaration or health product declaration was found for this product.

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What Makes It Green: The world's first bio-based high performance textile was developed by Carnegie Fabrics. It can be used as a wall covering, wrapped around panels, or for upholstery. It is available in a wide range of colors and textures.

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