

Cork is a highly natural, renewable and sustainable material. The raw material is made from the bark of Cork Oak Trees. The bark (which renews itself) is stripped by skilled labourers without cutting down the trees. Cork is an extremely versatile material with many benefits.

## How it's made...

Cork is made from removing the bark from the Cork Oak Trees, this is a sustainable process as the tree doesn't get cut down and the bark re-grows. The material is cured outside, the rain, air and sun create chemical reactions which cure the material and improve the quality. It is then steamed to remove contaminants and cured again, this time in a dark cellar with regulated temperature and humidity. The natural sheets are then ground up, compressed with heat and glue and then formed into the sheets we use!



### PROS

- Excellent acoustic and thermal insulation.
- Excellent resistance to fire and heat.
- For a wood based product, it is extremely light.
- It is impermeable to liquids and gases.
- Cork has great impact resistance.
- It has a comfortable, warm and natural feel.



### CONS

- It is not as strong as hardwood.



### DisplayMode Sustainability Rating



Start-of-Life (SOL)  
Is it made from recycled material?

**No but it is Sustainably Sourced**

End-of-Life (EOL)  
Can it be recycled?

**No but it is Biodegradable**

## When should I consider Cork?

If your brand is focused on sustainability and want to communicate this in your POS then Cork may be the material for you! It is a highly sustainable material with a natural look. It is versatile and can be used to create all sorts of POS.

### Economic Value

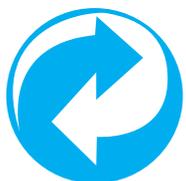
Compared with similar products



Low Price

High Price

## Cork End-of-Life



Cork is biodegradable so can be disposed of in compost bins once separated from any other materials. It couldn't be easier!

