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MAGIC CARPET

Alternative Flooring has designed a 100% recyclable carpet, in which the yarn, fibre and backing are all made from the same smart source. Echo-CoRE is cutting-edge, as it solves one of the industry's biggest sustainability challenges: the complex, costly process of separating fibres from backing at the end of a product's life. With Echo-CoRE, the entire carpet can be recycled. Soft underfoot, durable and available in 10 colours, Echo-CoRE is produced using only green energy. From £98sq m.

IMAGE: ALTERNATIVE FLOORING



BUILD EVENTS

19-22 MARCH BIRMINGHAM HOMEBUILDING & RENOVATING SHOW

NEC Birmingham

From practical tips to inspiring advice from experts and the latest products, we've got it all under one roof at the go-to exhibition for self-builders and renovators.

ANYTIME WELSH OAK FRAME SHOW HOME TOUR

Powys, Wales

Nothing can replicate the feeling of being inside an oak-framed building. Take a tour of Welsh Oak Frame's stunning show home in Powys. Book online at welshoakframe.com.

58% of buyers reject properties based on exterior issues alone, such as cracked fascias, faulty roof tiles or overflowing gutters*



Self-build mortgages for expats

Suffolk Building Society is now supporting expats who are looking to build or restore their own home in the UK, thanks to its new Expat Self Build & Renovation product. Launching with a two-year discount at 6.05% (Standard Variable Rate (SVR) minus 1.69%), borrowers can secure up to £1 million and as much as 80% loan to value (LTV). Find out more at suffolkbingsociety.co.uk/self-build

IMAGE: GETTY IMAGES. *ACCORDING TO FINDINGS FROM BEST ROOF TILES

Home tech hacking concerns

Cybersecurity experts are warning Brits that their smart home devices could be vulnerable to stolen data. Planet VPN revealed that hackers are increasingly shifting their focus to devices like smart TVs and AI assistants, due to their lack of protection. Hackers can steal a user's personal data, hijack equipment, eavesdrop, and even control all the devices in a home. A report by Bitdefender and Netgear, which analysed 58 million smart home devices across the US, Australia and Europe, found 4.6 billion vulnerabilities and noticed 13.6 billion attacks in the first 10 months of 2025. To avoid becoming a victim, Planet VPN is advising Brits to use unique passwords, enable multi-factor authentication, update firmware regularly and activate secure communication protocols, such as WPA3.

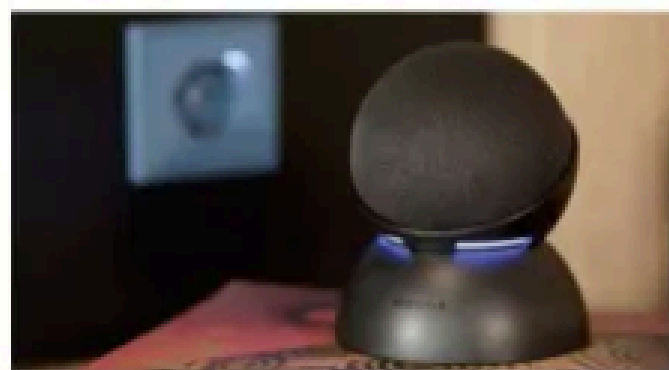


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