



# Make the **most** of the **space** you have



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Take advantage  
of the New  
Home Renovation  
Tax Credit

**S**pring is in the air and while many of us use this time of year to kick off renovations, there is now an even a bigger incentive to get yourself started. The Government of Canada is giving us all some additional motivation to get involved in renovations. The new Home Renovation Tax Credit (HRTC) is a great way for people to know that the Government is doing their effort to pitch in on your projects. Take advantage of this tax credit between January 27, 2009 and February 1, 2010.

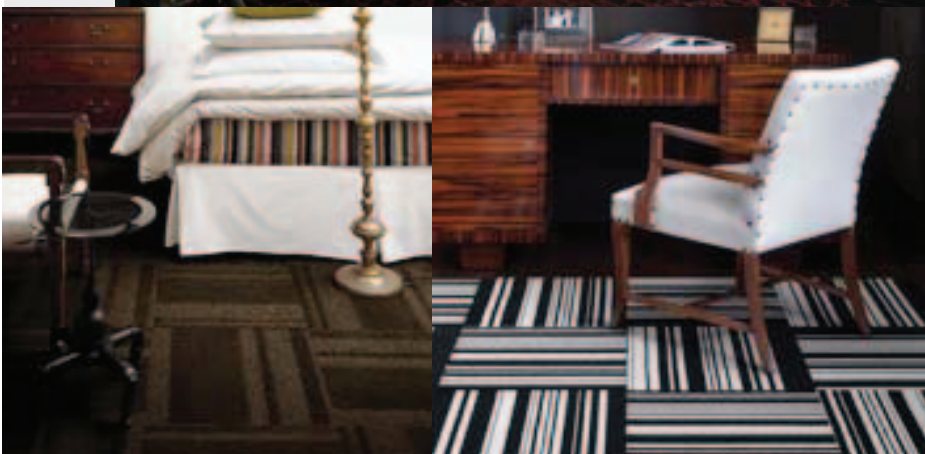
The types of projects and materials that are considered eligible under this new tax renovation credit include kitchen and bathroom renovation, new flooring, tiling and plumbing fixtures to say the least. Items such as furniture, appliances and general housekeeping do not qualify for the HRTC.

Thinking of renovating your condo? There are some great products that will make your space feeling modern and new again!





Tiles from X-Tile (x-tile.net)



Carpet tile from Flor (flor.com)

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## Funky Floors

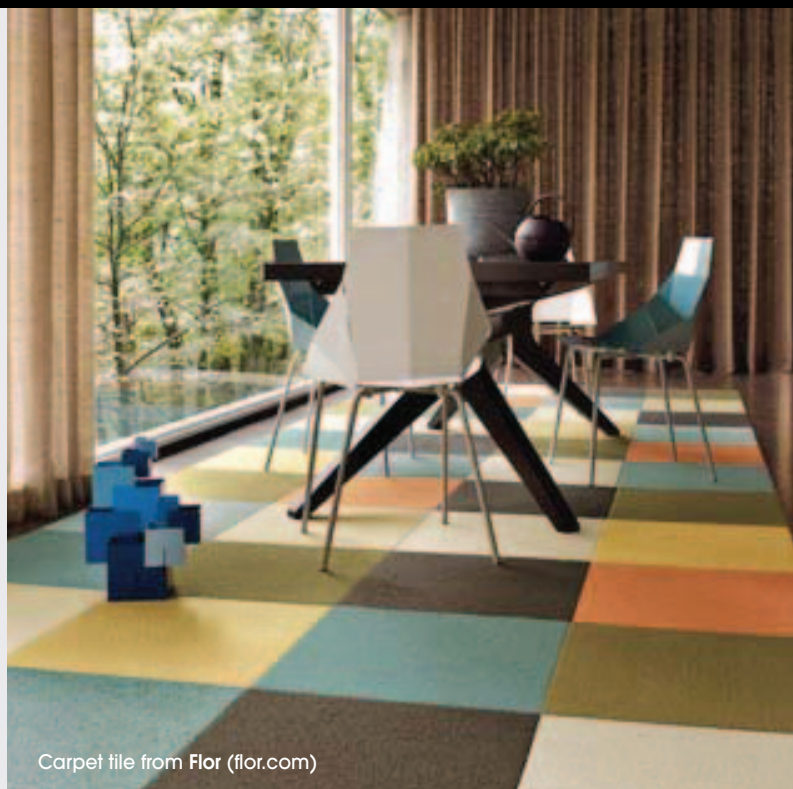
As an alternate to the wood laminate and engineered floors typically used in condominiums, consider some fun and even green flooring alternatives. Cork is a great floor that has unique shock absorbency properties; it is also considered a 'green' product! Cork now comes in a wide assortment of stains and colors, as well as a variety of formats, from square to rectangular planks. Leather is another new and hot product to the market, putting down this luxurious floor will certainly make your suite feel like the sweetest on your floor! The rich textures and warm characteristics of leather floors will make you feel cozy and posh all year round! Leather floors also come in a range of colors and formats.

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Choose your style...

2  
Choose your colour...







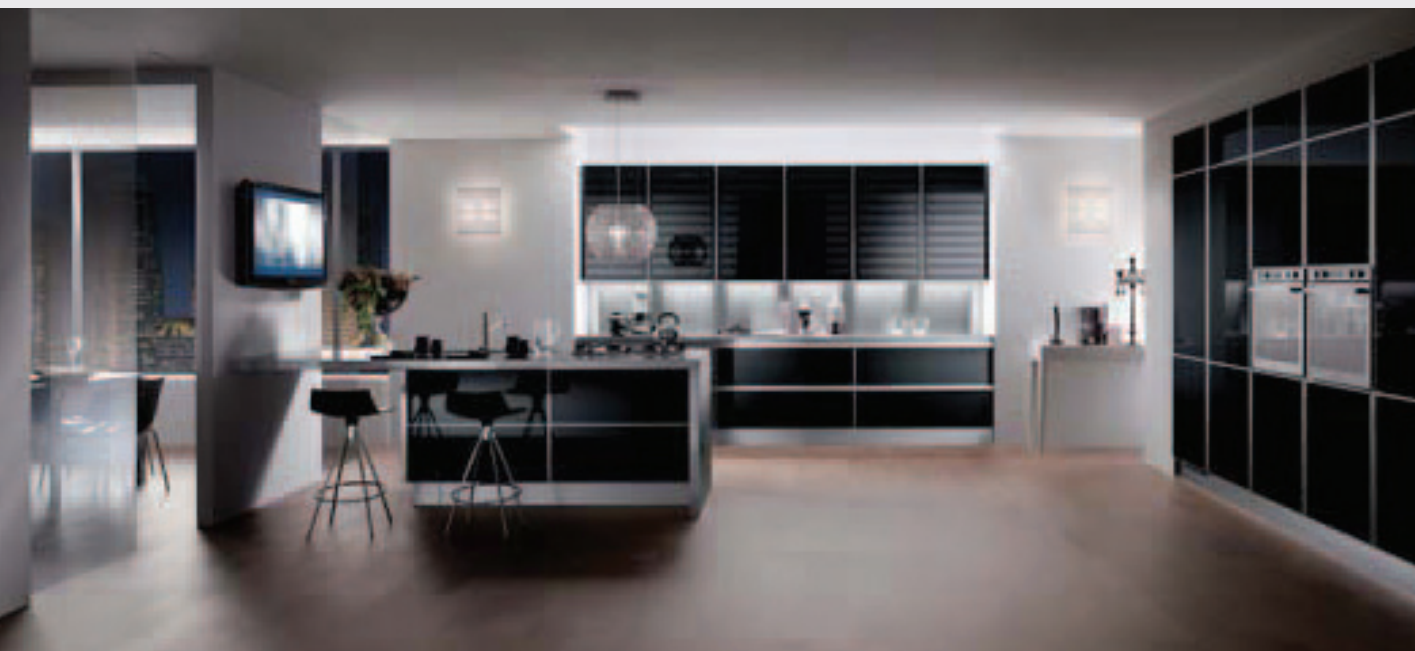
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Carpet is another flooring product that has gone through some revolutionary changes! While everyone was weeding out the wall-to-wall carpets in their condos, some consumers were still searching for that comfortable feel with a new twist, well now you have it....Carpet tiles, that is. This unique format boasts a product that is versatile, and playful, and best of all, if a tile is soiled you can simply switch it out for a new one. Nevertheless, carpet tiles are a great way to introduce color and pattern to your room! Consider it in your bedroom, living room and front entry. Check your local stores for new and exciting flooring options that will give your space a fresh facelift!



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Kitchens from Dekla (dekla.ca)



## Kitchen Overhaul

If you're a cook you'll often have a beef about the way your kitchen was designed! Take this opportunity to give your culinary experience a complete overhaul. The wonderful aspect about renovating your kitchen is that it allows you to plan it out so that it suits your prep and cook routines. More so, designing a new kitchen allows you to maximize your storage. Interior components of a kitchen are certainly the most important aspect to making your kitchen functional and pleasant to be in! Look at all the details and consider everything from spice racks, pull out shelves, pot drawers, built-in utensil dividers, and make sure to take advantage of all your blind corners with special pullouts and innovative gadgets to make the most of the space you have!



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Tiles from X-Tile ([x-tile.net](http://x-tile.net))



Toilet from Totousa ([totousa.com](http://totousa.com))

## Baths to Boast

Most bathrooms need a facelift every 10 years. In order to give your bathroom a refresher, consider changing up your tiles to achieve an up-to-date look with products that suit your lifestyle. This is a place where you can truly express yourself, today's tiles come in such a stimulating array of patterns and textures that will make you feel like you've brought the boutique hotel to your very own space. For an environmental makeover, consider changing your bathroom fixtures, especially your toilets! Toto is by far one of the world leaders in green technology when it comes to the bathroom; and their, aesthetic appearance will give you a lot to boast about. 