

Bamboo Fencing : Beautiful, Durable, And Cost-effective

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If you're getting ready to install a new fence around your home, have you considered bamboo? Bamboo offers a number of unique properties that just can't be beat by any traditional fencing material. In this article, we present the top for reasons to choose natural bamboo fencing for your next project.

1. Natural beauty: unlike artificial fencing materials or identical mill-cut boards, each stick of bamboo possesses a special charm that originates from its natural beauty. No piece is exactly like any other, giving your fencing projects a beautiful variegation in color and texture. The small, tight, attractive knots present on the surface of a bamboo stick are a delight to the eye.

2. Renewability: like other woods, bamboo is of course a renewable resource. But did you know that some species of bamboo can grow more than a meter per day? What that means is that bamboo stands grow and fill out quickly, and can be harvested frequently, meaning that bamboo is a great environmental choice for fencing material. In addition, many bamboo products are manufactured using free trade practices that ensure harvesters are treated fairly.

3. Durability: recently, the Homebuilder's Association of America tested bamboo fencing material and found that it scored higher than any other natural wood or plant material under wind tunnel conditions. This is because bamboo grows in areas of the world subjected to intense winds and rains. Bamboo has evolved to flex gently under pressure, making it unlikely to break.

4. Price: bamboo is usually cheaper than other natural woods used for fencing. In part, this is because its light weight makes it easy to ship, therefore keeping costs down. As an added bonus, bamboo is cheaper to install than other natural woods, also due to its convenient light weight. You will find that beautiful, lightweight bamboo can be a great choice for either a luxury or a low-cost fencing project!

It turns out that the natural beauty, renewability, durability, and price make bamboo an ideal material for home fences . In fact, the Homebuilder's Association of America selected three bamboo fencing products to receive its highest Gold Ribbon honor, above traditional fencing materials such as pine, redwood, and oak.