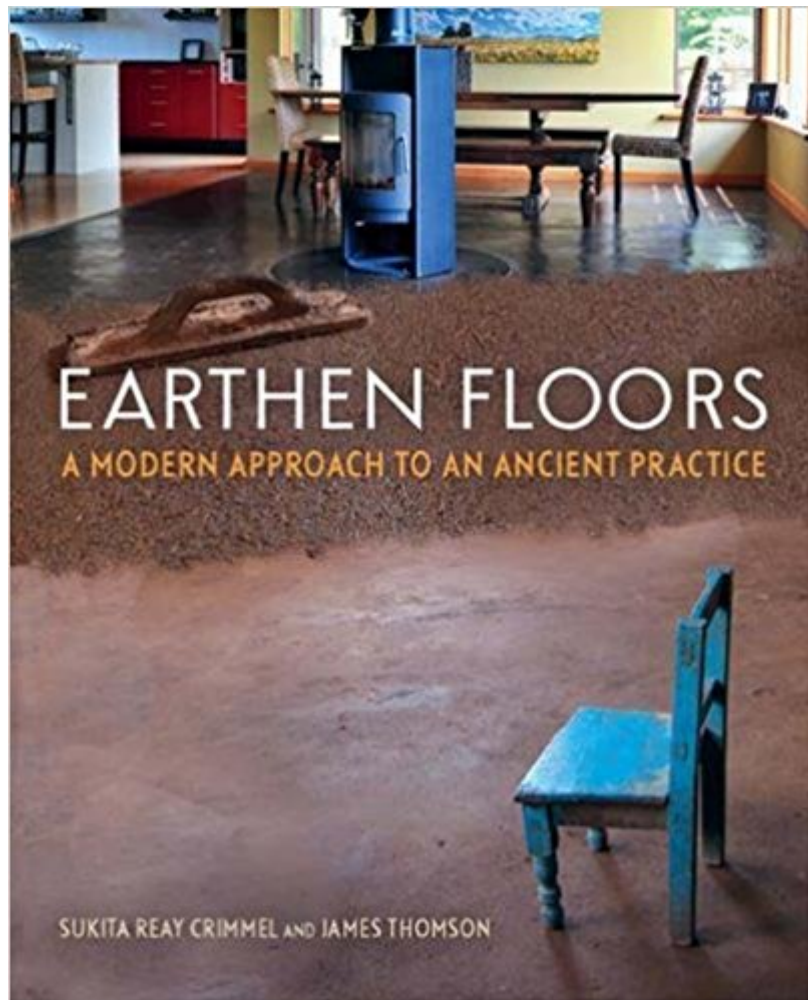




**Ebook Directory**  
the best source of ebook

The book was found

# Earthen Floors: A Modern Approach To An Ancient Practice



## Synopsis

For most of human history, people have lived in durable, comfortable buildings made from natural materials such as soil, sand, rocks, and fiber. All over the globe, these ancient traditions persist; a quarter to a third of the world's population today lives in houses built partially or entirely of earth. Conventional Western building techniques using industrial materials may save time and create efficiencies, but these perceived savings come at considerable financial and environmental cost. As well as boasting a unique and beautiful aesthetic, natural building techniques are accessible, affordable, and non-toxic. *Earthen Floors: A Modern Approach to an Ancient Practice* is the first comprehensive, fully illustrated manual covering the history, use, and maintenance of this attractive, practical flooring option. This detailed, fully illustrated guide explains every part of the process, including: Sourcing and harvesting materials Preparing the subfloor Pouring, finishing, and sealing the floor Living with and maintaining your earthen floor Because information on creating quality earthen floors was not previously widely available, there have been some negative experiences. Drawing on the combined knowledge of the most qualified earthen floor practitioners, as well their own substantial experience, the authors deliver the definitive resource for this exciting technique, perfect for everyone from the novice to veteran builder. Sukita Reay Crimmel has installed over twenty thousand square feet of earthen flooring, and is one of the preeminent experts in the emerging field of earthen floors. James Thomson is part of House Alive, one of the leading natural building training organizations in the country.

## Book Information

Paperback: 250 pages

Publisher: New Society Publishers (May 13, 2014)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 086571763X

ISBN-13: 978-0865717633

Product Dimensions: 0.8 x 7.2 x 9.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.1 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.5 out of 5 stars 27 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #106,561 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #13 in [Books > Crafts, Hobbies & Home > Home Improvement & Design > How-to & Home Improvements > Masonry](#) #36 in [Books > Arts & Photography > Architecture > Sustainability & Green Design](#) #106 in [Books > Crafts, Hobbies & Home > Home Improvement & Design > How-to & Home](#)

## Customer Reviews

"At last! The mystery is removed from most wonderful floors in the world. First thing you do: go find an earthen floor, pull off your shoes and socks, have a little walkabout, and discover great surprise and tactile delight. Next thing you do: buy this book, learn everything you need, and go make one yourself. Thank you Sukita and James for making this ancient treasure accessible to all."---Bruce King, PE, Director, Ecological Building Network"Earthen floors have long been shrouded in mystery... Natural building enthusiasts have known about them and lusted after them, but despite the vast amount of natural building information produced in the past two decades, a tested and true treatise on earthen floors has been missing. No longer! This book is full of information, hard-won lessons learned and the real heart and spirit of natural building. The authors successfully de-mystify the process of mixing, installing, finishing and maintaining an earthen floor in a way that will help novices and seasoned builders alike to produce floors that are the most beautiful, sensual and eco-friendly option available. Thanks Sukita and James!"---Chris Magwood"With Earthen Floors: A Modern Approach to an Ancient Practice, Sukita and James have come up with the ideal mix of inspiration, experience, technique, and instruction. This book will be of use and benefit to both experienced practitioners and those just dipping their toes into the subject of earthen floors for the first time. It is always a delight to find a well-written, clear and practical guide to natural building practice, and a special treat when fun and informative personal stories are interwoven with good graphics to bring the whole process to life. This book makes a great contribution to the field on every level. "---David Eisenberg, Director, Development Center for Appropriate Technology"Earthen Floors fills a long-standing gap in the catalog of natural building publications in providing reliable and thorough instruction in earthen floor construction. With a style that is both comfortable and authoritative, this book offers the detailed instruction necessary for executing a quality earthen floor in a variety of different contexts. Crimmel and Thomson have drawn upon their extensive and direct experience in their craft and share valuable lessons learned with their readers. From the exploration of the historical roots of earthen floors to a look at the future of how we can improve upon this practice, Earthen Floors is the most comprehensive and thorough resource on earthen floor technology available today. With Earthen Floors, Crimmel and Thomson offer a gift to the natural building community that makes this technology more accessible to DIYers and professionals alike."---Jacob Deva Racusin, Author, The Natural Building Companion, Co-Owner, New Frameworks Natural Building, LLC"This book is a welcome treasure, a long awaited and generous

sharing of the detailed knowledge gained by the authors through years of testing and teaching and designing and installing earthen floors. In a thoughtfully presented text, we are now gifted with a compendium of information in one place, rather than the myriad conversations, tips, trials and experiments common in the last years of rediscovering and refining this valuable and timely technology. My clients and I will be indebted to Sukita and James for years to come. "---Laura Bartels, Green Weaver Inc."At last! The mystery is removed from most wonderful floors in the world. First thing you do: go find an earthen floor, pull off your shoes and socks, have a little walkabout, and discover great surprise and tactile delight. Next thing you do: buy this book, learn everything you need, and go make one yourself. Thank you Sukita and James for making this ancient treasure accessible to all."---Bruce King, PE, Director, Ecological Building Network"Earthen floors have long been shrouded in mystery... Natural building enthusiasts have known about them and lusted after them, but despite the vast amount of natural building information produced in the past two decades, a tested and true treatise on earthen floors has been missing. No longer! This book is full of information, hard-won lessons learned and the real heart and spirit of natural building. The authors successfully de-mystify the process of mixing, installing, finishing and maintaining an earthen floor in a way that will help novices and seasoned builders alike to produce floors that are the most beautiful, sensual and eco-friendly option available. Thanks Sukita and James!"---Chris Magwood"With *Earthen Floors: A Modern Approach to an Ancient Practice*, Sukita and James have come up with the ideal mix of inspiration, experience, technique, and instruction. This book will be of use and benefit to both experienced practitioners and those just dipping their toes into the subject of earthen floors for the first time. It is always a delight to find a well-written, clear and practical guide to natural building practice, and a special treat when fun and informative personal stories are interwoven with good graphics to bring the whole process to life. This book makes a great contribution to the field on every level. "---David Eisenberg, Director, Development Center for Appropriate Technology"Earthen Floors fills a long-standing gap in the catalog of natural building publications in providing reliable and thorough instruction in earthen floor construction. With a style that is both comfortable and authoritative, this book offers the detailed instruction necessary for executing a quality earthen floor in a variety of different contexts. Crimmel and Thomson have drawn upon their extensive and direct experience in their craft and share valuable lessons learned with their readers. From the exploration of the historical roots of earthen floors to a look at the future of how we can improve upon this practice, *Earthen Floors* is the most comprehensive and thorough resource on earthen floor technology available today. With *Earthen Floors*, Crimmel and Thomson offer a gift to the natural building community that makes this technology more accessible to DIYers

and professionals alike."---Jacob Deva Racusin, Author, The Natural Building Companion, Co-Owner, New Frameworks Natural Building, LLC

"This book is a welcome treasure, a long awaited and generous sharing of the detailed knowledge gained by the authors through years of testing and teaching and designing and installing earthen floors. In a thoughtfully presented text, we are now gifted with a compendium of information in one place, rather than the myriad conversations, tips, trials and experiments common in the last years of rediscovering and refining this valuable and timely technology. My clients and I will be indebted to Sukita and James for years to come. "---Laura Bartels, Green Weaver Inc.

A complete step-by-step guide to making, installing and living with beautiful, all-natural earthen floors

"The authors successfully de-mystify the process of mixing, installing, finishing and maintaining an earthen floor in a way that will help novices and seasoned builders alike to produce floors that are the most beautiful, sensual and eco-friendly option available. "---Chris Magwood, author, Making Better Buildings and cofounder, The Endeavour Centre

"The ideal mix of inspiration, experience, technique and instruction

"this book makes a great contribution to the field on every level." ---David Eisenberg, director, Development Center for Appropriate Technology

"Earthen floors are a beautiful, affordable, durable flooring option suitable for nearly any home. Earthen Floors: A Modern Approach to an Ancient Practice is a comprehensive, fully illustrated guide to this natural building technique, explaining every part of the process, including:

- Sourcing and harvesting materials
- Preparing the subfloor
- Pouring, finishing and sealing the floor
- Living with and maintaining your earthen floor.

Drawing on the combined knowledge of the most qualified earthen floor practitioners, as well as the authors' own substantial experience, Earthen Floors is the definitive resource for this exciting flooring alternative, perfect for everyone from the environmentally conscious do-it-yourself enthusiast to the veteran builder.

"Earthen Floors fills a long-standing gap in the catalog of natural building publications in providing reliable and thorough instruction in earthen floor construction

"the most comprehensive and thorough resource on earthen floor technology available today."---Jacob Deva Racusin, author, The Natural Building Companion, co-owner, New Frameworks Natural Building, LLC

Sukita Reay Crimmel has installed over 20,000 sq ft of earthen flooring, and is one of the preeminent experts in the emerging field of earthen floors. James Thomson has spent a decade introducing students to the joys of building with earth with House Alive, one of the leading natural building training organizations in North America.

A complete step-by-step guide to making, installing and living with beautiful, all-natural earthen floors

"The

authors successfully de-mystify the process of mixing, installing, finishing and maintaining an earthen floor in a way that will help novices and seasoned builders alike to produce floors that are the most beautiful, sensual and eco-friendly option available. "---Chris Magwood, author, Making Better Buildings and cofounder, The Endeavour Centre"The ideal mix of inspiration, experience, technique and instruction&#133;this book makes a great contribution to the field on every level."

---David Eisenberg, director, Development Center for Appropriate Technology&#133;Earthen floors are a beautiful, affordable, durable flooring option suitable for nearly any home. Earthen Floors: A Modern Approach to an Ancient Practice is a comprehensive, fully illustrated guide to this natural building technique, explaining every part of the process, including:&#149; Sourcing and harvesting materials&#149; Preparing the subfloor&#149; Pouring, finishing and sealing the floor&#149; Living with and maintaining your earthen floor.Drawing on the combined knowledge of the most qualified earthen floor practitioners, as well as the authors' own substantial experience, Earthen Floors is the definitive resource for this exciting flooring alternative, perfect for everyone from the environmentally conscious do-it-yourself enthusiast to the veteran builder.&#133;"Earthen Floors fills a long-standing gap in the catalog of natural building publications in providing reliable and thorough instruction in earthen floor construction&#133; the most comprehensive and thorough resource on earthen floor technology available today."---Jacob Deva Racusin, author, The Natural Building Companion, co-owner, New Frameworks Natural Building, LLC

Sukita Reay Crimmel has installed over 20,000 sq ft of earthen flooring, and is one of the preeminent experts in the emerging field of earthen floors.James Thomson has spent a decade introducing students to the joys of building with earth with House Alive, one of the leading natural building training organizations in North America.

Really great book with lots of information and lots of pictures and illustrations. Exactly what I needed.

Haven't read it properly yet but it looks pretty good...what i expected.

Wow~~ what an incredible book! Very informative, easy to read and thorough!

Very clear outline of something that is very difficult to do in the natural building process.

This book gets down and dirty. Highly recommend.

educational

Great information and very usefull.

Detailed. A good collection of data related to the subject. Would have enjoyed more how to diagrams or illustrations, over all a good book for the serious folks interrelated in earth floors. Worth the money,for sure.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Earthen Floors: A Modern Approach to an Ancient Practice Earthen Vessels: Why Our Bodies Matter to Our Faith Alexander: The Great Leader and Hero of Macedonia and Ancient Greece (European History, Ancient History, Ancient Rome, Ancient Greece, Egyptian History, Roman Empire, Roman History) Art of Mosaic: Contemporary Ideas for Decorating Walls, Floors and Accessories in the Home and Garden Annie Sloan Paints Everything: Step-by-step projects for your entire home, from walls, floors, and furniture, to curtains, blinds, pillows, and shades Mosaics of Faith: Floors of Pagans, Jews, Samaritans, Christians, and Muslims in the Holy Land Framing Floors, Walls & Ceilings (For Pros By Pros) The Stamped and Stenciled Home: Easy, Beautiful Designs for Walls, Floors, and Home Accessories Stencil 101 DÃfÂ©cor: Customize Walls, Floors, and Furniture with Oversized Stencil Art A Modern Approach to Classical Repertoire - Part 1: Guitar Technique (Modern Approach to Classical Guitar) Advanced Practice Nursing - E-Book: An Integrative Approach (Advanced Practice Nursing: An Integrative Approach) The 25 Most Famous People of Ancient Greece - Ancient Greece History | Children's Ancient History The Ancient Hebrew Language and Alphabet: Understanding the Ancient Hebrew Language of the Bible Based on Ancient Hebrew Culture and Thought Viking: Viking Mythology: Ancient Myths, Gods and Warriors (Norse Mythology, Greek Mythology, Ancient Civilizations, Greek Gods, Ancient Rome, Viking Myths) Sumerians: Discover HistoryÃ¢âs First Civilization: Everything You Need to Know About the Sumerians of the Ancient World (Ancient History, Ancient Civilizations Handbook) The 7 Great Cities of Ancient Mesopotamia - Ancient History Books for Kids | Children's Ancient History The Daily Life of a Roman Family in the Ancient Times - Ancient History Books for Kids | Children's Ancient History Modern Essentials Bundle 6th - Modern Essentials 6th Edition a Contemporary Guide to the Therapeutic Use of Essential Oils, An Introduction to Modern Essentials, and Modern Essentials Reference Card The Cosmic War: Interplanetary Warfare, Modern Physics, and Ancient Texts: A Study in Non-Catastrophist Interpretations of Ancient Legends Creative Wax Carving: A

Contact Us

DMCA

Privacy

FAQ & Help