

Choosing the Right Flooring

A room-by-room guide to selecting the best flooring for your home

Flooring sets the tone for every room and takes more daily wear than almost any other surface. This guide breaks down the most popular options, where each one shines, and how to match flooring to how you actually live — pets, kids, moisture, and all.

Understanding Your Options

Luxury Vinyl Plank (LVP)

Waterproof, budget-friendly, and remarkably realistic. LVP is the go-to for busy households and Florida moisture.

Porcelain & Ceramic Tile

Nearly indestructible and 100% waterproof. Ideal for bathrooms, kitchens, and entryways. Stays cool in the heat.

Engineered Hardwood

Real wood veneer over a stable core. More moisture-resistant than solid hardwood and perfect for living areas.

Natural Stone

Timeless and high-end (marble, travertine, slate). Requires sealing and more maintenance but adds real value.

Match Flooring to the Room

- **Kitchen:** LVP or porcelain tile — spill- and stain-resistant.
- **Bathroom:** Porcelain tile or waterproof LVP.
- **Living & bedrooms:** Engineered hardwood or premium LVP for warmth.
- **Entryway & laundry:** Tile for durability against dirt and water.
- **Outdoor & lanai:** Textured porcelain rated for exterior use.

Consider Your Lifestyle

- **Pets:** Choose scratch-resistant, waterproof surfaces (LVP, tile).
- **Kids:** Softer, slip-resistant, easy-to-clean options.
- **Allergies:** Hard surfaces trap fewer allergens than carpet.
- **Resale:** Consistent flooring across main areas looks larger and sells better.

Pro Tip: Buy 10% Extra

Always order 10% more than your square footage for cuts, waste, and future repairs. Dye lots change over time, so matching later can be difficult.

Flooring Selection Checklist

- Measured square footage for each room (plus 10%)
- Moisture level of each space considered
- Pet and kid durability needs addressed
- Samples viewed in your home's lighting
- Subfloor condition inspected
- Installation and underlayment costs included in budget

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