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## HOME TOUR

*The Educational Remodeling Tour*

# Choosing the Right Flooring

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Project Type: Kitchen

Carpeting? Ceramic Tiles? Hardwood Floors? Laminate? Vinyl? Or maybe an area rug? Often seeing and touching a flooring in a showroom can help transform “decisions, decisions, decisions” to “options, options, options.”

### Hardwood

Rich, elegant and all natural, create a warm, inviting look with either solid or engineered wood. Flooring clients can browse our selection of hardwood flooring to find the perfect fit for hardwood installation.

- Solid wood flooring, the most popular choice, consists of one-piece boards that are typically nailed to a subfloor and come unfinished, allowing you to apply a variety of finishes and colors to suit client’s tastes.
- Engineered wood floors consist of two or more layers of wood laminated together-the top a veneer and the lower layer a softwood backing. Most engineered wood floors are prefinished and are glued rather than nailed down.

Or, they can be installed as floating floors wherein the panel edges are glued together rather than attached directly to the subfloor. It can also be glued directly to concrete, making it more suitable for below grade applications.

*Either option is available in three formats: wood strip, wider width planks or parquet squares.*

### Ceramic tiles, stone floors, and glass flooring

Nature, elegance and easy maintenance meet indestructibility in this grouping. With glazed or unglazed ceramic tiles and stone floors that vary in texture and color, you’re afforded a distinctive look that is suitable for moisture-prone and heavy-traffic areas, such as kitchens, bathrooms, foyers, laundry rooms.

### Vinyl

Experiencing a fashionable resurgence, vinyl floors are easy to maintain and durable for widespread applications throughout your home.

- Sheet vinyl-available in 6 foot and 12 foot widths and in any length.
- Vinyl Tile squares-rich, luxurious and perfect for the finest interiors.
- Colors and styles-from warm, subtle colors to bold brights and in an extensive variety of color combos, patterns, designs and textures.
- Performance-great for busy areas and years of carefree beauty, vinyl is available in good, better and best categories to meet your budget.

### Laminate

High-performance laminate flooring possesses the remarkable ability to simulate wood or tile floors,

is extremely durable and easy to clean with either a damp cloth or vacuum. Laminate flooring also deserves praise for what it doesn’t do: scuff, wear-through, burn, get scratched by pets, indent from normal family wear and lose color. This is a solid choice for moisture and family-prone areas, as well as design appeal.

### Carpet

When you’re thinking “soft, warm and luxurious,” carpet offers a broad price range and selection to meet most decorating styles and budgets. Our carpet suppliers and distributors provide fibers varying in make (nylon, olefin, polyester or wool) and corresponding degrees of wear and stain resistance, resilience and cleanability. And if that’s not enough, carpeting formats include saxony, plush, texture, cut-loop, level loop, multi-level loop and frieze.

### Area Rugs

Bring instant and long-lasting warmth to hard surface floors with area rugs. Cut down on noise level and take a room up many notches with an almost infinite range of sizes, colors, patterns, and textures. From Persian to Oriental and traditional to contemporary, rugs do the big job of protection and enhancing decor.

## Comparing Carpet Fibers

Fiber Type	Water Resistance	Stain Resistance	Resilience	Cleanability	Comments
Wool Carpet	Very Good	Low, unless treated	Excellent	Good	The standard by which other carpet fibers are judged; low resistance to static unless treated; expensive
Nylon Carpet	Excellent	Most are treated to enhance stain resistance	Very Good	Very Good	The most popular carpet fiber; has good static control; suitable for almost any application
Polypropylene Olefin	Very Good	Excellent inherent stain resistance	Low	Responds Well	The second most popular fiber; best suited to loop pile constructions or high, very dense, cut piles
Polyester Carpet	Very Good	Built-In stain resistance to certain types of acid dyes	Fair	Good	Better suited to low traffic areas such as bedrooms and living rooms

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