

How to Choose Flooring

To choose flooring, it's best to start by determining what you need. Consider these factors:

- **Room:** Some types, like carpet or hardwood, aren't ideal for every space
- **Family Situation:** Young children or pets need spill-proof and scratch-resistant flooring
- **Budget:** Price varies widely, so you need to know what you can afford
- **Installation Requirements:** Some materials need an underlayment or pad, which may cost extra
- **Style:** Certain types work better than others to create the right aesthetic
- **Return on Investment (ROI):** Higher cost or quality often means a better long-term investment

Types of Flooring Materials

There are six popular flooring materials used in residential homes, from classic hardwood to eco-friendly laminate. Additionally, there are several other lesser-used types that come with their own benefits. Use the below guide to choose which type or types are best for your space.

[Hardwood Flooring](#)



Hardwood continues to be the top choice for its great appearance and long-term ROI. choose flooring

Pros: [hardwood pros](#)

- popular for its visually appeal
- many varieties available to vary color and style

- high ROI
- can be resurfaced every 3-5 years
- best for shared living spaces

Cons: [hardwood cons](#)

- expensive compared to other top flooring materials
- can develop scrapes, scratches and dents over time
- can incur moisture damage

[Laminate Flooring](#)



There are several [pros and cons of laminate flooring](#) to consider when researching this material. **choose flooring**

Pros: [pros laminate](#)

- lower price than hardwood
- ease of installation
- durability
- variety of colors and styles, like natural wood
- good for high-traffic areas

Cons: [cons laminate](#)

- prone to moisture damage
- difficult to repair
- not ideal for kitchens or bathrooms

The total [cost to install laminate floors](#) averages between **\$2.70 and \$10 per square foot**

Vinyl or Linoleum



[Vinyl flooring](#) is not the cheap-looking alternative it used to be. These days, this synthetic flooring for the home is durable and effectively mimic wood, ceramic and stone.

Pros:

- affordable
- versatile
- great for high-traffic areas
- easy to maintain
- DIY installation possible

Cons:

- lower ROI vs. wood or laminate
- less popular due to appearance