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10 Tips For Choosing Your Hardwood Flooring



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Hardwood flooring is a popular choice for homeowners due to its durability, timeless appeal, and the warmth it adds to any room. However, selecting the right hardwood flooring for your home can be daunting, given the variety of options available in terms of species, finishes, and styles. Here are ten tips to help you make an informed decision when choosing your hardwood flooring.

1. Consider the Room Usage

High-traffic areas such as living rooms and hallways may require wood species like oak or hickory, which are more resistant to wear and tear, whereas softer woods like pine can be suitable for rooms with less foot traffic.

2. Choose the Right Type of Wood



maple, and cherry. Each species has its distinct characteristics and levels of durability. For instance, oak is known for its strength and resilience, while maple makes an excellent choice where a light and clean appearance is desired.

3. Understand Plank Widths and Lengths

The width and length of hardwood planks can drastically affect the room's appearance. Wider planks can make a space look larger and more open, while narrower planks offer a more traditional look. Consider the proportions of your space to choose the most flattering size.

4. Select the Appropriate Finish

The finish not only affects the look of your hardwood flooring but also its maintenance and durability. Prefinished hardwood floors are great for a quick installation as they come sanded and sealed from the factory. Alternatively, site-finished floors offer a customizable finish but require more installation time.

5. Consider Color and Grain Variation

Lighter woods make a room feel larger and more airy, while darker woods can add richness and warmth. Additionally, the grain pattern also influences the floor's overall look. Be sure to look at full-size samples in various lighting conditions to understand how your choice will look throughout the day.

6. Determine Your Installation Method

The type of installation method—glue-down, nail-down, or floating—depends mainly on the subfloor and the wood type. Some methods, like floating floors, are easier and faster to install, which can save on labor costs.

7. Assess the Subfloor

Before choosing your preferred hardwood flooring, consider the type of subfloor in your home. Different kinds of subfloors may require different installation methods or additional preparation. For instance, concrete subfloors might need a moisture barrier before installation, while plywood subfloors may be ready for a direct install.

8. Consider the Home's Overall Style

Your home's current style should influence your choice of hardwood flooring. A modern home might benefit from sleek, dark hardwood floors, whereas a more traditional home might work well with classic oak or walnut.

9. Consider Room Transitions

If you plan to install hardwood in some of the rooms, consider how they will transition into other types of flooring. Choosing the right thresholds or transition strips can ensure a seamless flow from room to room.

10. Think About Sustainability

If environmental impact is a concern for you, look for hardwood sourced from sustainably managed forests. Certifications like FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) can assure you that the wood is sourced responsibly.

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What should I consider first when choosing hardwood flooring?

Start with how each room will be used and how much foot traffic it receives. High-traffic areas usually need harder species like oak or hickory, while softer woods can work in low-traffic spaces.



Do plank width and length really change how a room looks?

Yes. Wider, longer planks can make a room feel more open and modern, while narrower planks create a more traditional, classic feel—so it's important to match plank size to your space.

How does my subfloor affect the installation method?

Concrete subfloors may require moisture barriers and often pair well with glue-down or floating installations, while plywood subfloors are typically ready for nail-down installation. Evaluating the subfloor helps ensure a stable, long-lasting floor.

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