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Wood Floors



A rock and a hard place.

HOW TO SELECT THE RIGHT WOOD FLOOR FOR YOUR HOME:

Wood's natural ability to add character and warmth to any room makes it a great choice of flooring for your home. Dark, light, thick or thin, **wood comes in a wide variety of options for you to choose from.** Its unique and natural appearance will add a raw and organic feeling to your home that you can enjoy every day.

The two main types of wood floors are solid and laminated.

We've highlighted the differences between the two to help you decide which one is right for you.



SOLID WOOD FLOOR

A solid wood floor is typically **thicker than engineered wood** which allows it to be sanded down and finished more times. Solid wood flooring comes in four different grades:

- Prime
- Select
- Natural
- Rustic

Prime has the lowest amount of visible knots and natural marks while **Rustic** has the highest, with **Select** and **Natural** falling in between the two. **Typically, the higher the grade, the more premium it will be.** Regardless of the grade you choose, solid wood floors will have a breathtaking and beautiful effect on any space.



LAMINATE WOOD FLOOR

The alternative to a solid wood floor is a laminate wood floor, a process that permanently bonds a laminate wood veneer to a solid moulded interlocking plank.

Laminate is tough and long lasting and can take the hardest of traffic. Laminate floors are available in a wide range of colours and wood textures, with the most common colours being shades of grey and bleached timber. In recent years, the laminate floor has advanced to more coarse like textures.

Wood floors are ideal for the heavy footfall and living areas of your home such as the kitchen and living room. It's **not recommended to lay a wooden floor in rooms that are exposed to a lot of moisture and heat** (for example the bathroom and utility room), this is because of wood's natural ability to shrink and expand, ceramic tiles are recommended in these circumstances.

Regardless of whether you choose solid or laminate wood, its natural and organic finished appearance will instantly add beauty to your home. With so many options to choose from, you can be sure you will find the right wood floor for your space.

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