

flooring materials

What's the Difference?

Solid Hardwood

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Solid hardwood comes in many species and is a raw wood product that gets installed, filled, sanded, stained (if desired) and then finished with a high quality polyurethane coating. It can come in a variety of grades depending on how rustic you want, and when done, is a completely smooth finish. It will last for a lifetime, and can be sanded down and refinished down the road.

Engineered Hardwood

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Engineered hardwood planks have a plywood core and a solid wood veneer on the top. They are prefinished, and most of the time cannot be sanded or refinished. They resolve the issue that some species of solid woods have towards cupping, and also come in a variety of species and grades. This is a plank flooring that will have grooves in between each board. The planks come in a variety of widths and lengths, and are stapled down much like traditional hardwoods.

LVL/LVT/LVP

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Luxury vinyl products have come a long way in terms of finished appearance. They are a cost-effective, waterproof alternative to real wood that have an incredibly realistic wood or tile look. This is a floating floor application that has no ability to be refinished. It comes in a variety of thicknesses, which can be utilized over some existing floors saving the trouble and expense of demolition.

Tile

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Ceramic, porcelain, or natural stone tile can offer a waterproof, durable and heavy duty floor covering. Traditionally installed in bathrooms, laundry rooms, or other "wet areas", it can be used anywhere you need durability. Natural stone is a luxury tile, whereas ceramics can provide an affordable option with the same trusted performance.