



# Better Hardwood Flooring

*Better Service, Better Quality, Better Value*

## Prefinished Hardwood

Prefinished wood flooring is the best choice when cost and convenience are major factors. Prefinished floors have less mess, which has obvious advantages if you have children or pets that you don't want exposed to fumes or wood dust.

Applying the finish at the factory means that your flooring installer will only charge labor for the installation and not the additional cost of sanding and refinishing. It may not have as much of an effect on the overall cost, as say the species of wood you select, but you'll definitely notice the savings.

The process of pre-finishing a wood floor also results in a more durable finish, making it a wise choice for kitchens and other high traffic areas. This durability is especially important in sub-ground or high humidity areas of your home. Prefinished flooring can be installed and ready to live in again in days not weeks.



*Prefinished wood is quicker to install, less expensive and finishing at the factory can provide a more durable finish for high traffic areas of the home.*

## Unfinished Hardwood

If you already have solid hardwood flooring in your home, and you are adding more hardwood to an adjacent area, unfinished wood is the way to go to create the best possible color match. Likewise, installing unfinished hardwood flooring is best if you would like to match existing wood cabinets, furniture or trim.

Unfinished wood will also give a greater range of overall options. Specific plank widths or unusual species or colors of wood may not be available in prefinished or laminate flooring. If your home has historical significance or architectural style, the versatility of unfinished wood may be critical in creating the right look in your home.

Unfinished wood does take more time to install, perhaps weeks (instead of days for prefinished) from installation to sanding and finishing. During this time, the room or rooms are completely inaccessible so that the unfinished wood is not stained or damaged and so the finish can dry completely undisturbed.

*Unfinished wood is costlier and takes more time but with staining on site, homeowners can get as close to exact color matching as possible.*





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## Engineered Hardwood

Engineered hardwood flooring is a product made up of a core of hardwood, plywood or HDF and a top layer of hardwood veneer that is glued on the top surface of the core and is available in almost any hardwood species. The product thus has the natural characteristics of the selected wood species as opposed to a photographic layer. The “engineered” product has been designed to provide greater stability, particularly where moisture or heat pose problems for solid hardwood floors. All engineered flooring is prefinished.



## Solid Hardwood

All solid wood flooring can react to the presence of moisture. In the dry winter heating months, moisture can leave the wood flooring causing the floor to contract slightly in size, which can leave small gaps between each floor board. In the summer months when the humidity is higher, the hardwood flooring will expand and the small gaps will disappear. You can refinish, or recoat solid hardwood flooring several times, which adds to their appeal and to their long life. There are solid hardwood floors that are well over 100 years old and are still in great condition



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## Hand-Scraped Hardwood

The distinct sculpted appearance of hand scraped hardwood flooring is one of timeless beauty. Hand crafted by traditional methods. The labor of craftsmen is visible in every contour of the wood. All Hand-Scraped flooring is prefinished and ready for installation.

