



Flooring Purchase FAQs

When it comes to buying flooring for a remodel, renovation, or new build, you might be wondering how much to purchase, whether you should order extra material, and how to match your existing floors. Discover the answers to the most frequently asked questions about purchasing residential and commercial flooring here.

What type of flooring should I buy?

- The type of flooring you should buy depends on what kind of space you're working with as well as your vision, budget, and unique needs. Flooring materials vary in style, price, durability, water-resistance, sound absorption, eco-friendliness, and maintenance requirements.
- You can choose from unfinished hardwood, prefinished wood, bamboo, laminate, luxury vinyl, linoleum, tile, stone, cork, or carpet.



How much flooring should I buy?

- The amount of flooring you should buy depends on the size of your space, which should be carefully measured and remeasured.
- When you buy flooring, we recommend purchasing extra material.

Why should I buy extra flooring?

- You might need extra flooring if the planks or tiles are damaged during the installation process. Also, some of the material may need to be cut into odd shapes which can leave you with the wrong size to fill other areas. If you need more, you can avoid additional delivery charges.
- You may decide to expand your space in the future, or you might need to replace a damaged portion of your floors. The style could be updated or discontinued by the manufacturer, or they could raise their prices in the future. Ordering a small amount with a custom design can be complicated and expensive.
- Almost half of our flooring customers are looking to match their existing floors, and buying extra up front can save you money in the long run.

How much extra flooring should I buy?

- How much extra flooring you should buy depends on the size and shape of your space, the type of flooring you choose, the durability of the material, the manufacturer's warranty, and your plans for the future.
- Some opt for an additional 10 percent while others might buy up to 30 percent more than they need to cover their space from wall to wall.
- Keep in mind that if you end up returning extra flooring, you'll need to contact a representative and complete additional paperwork. You might also have to pay a restocking or freight fee.



What if my flooring is discontinued?

- If your flooring is discontinued, you don't necessarily need to replace your entire floors.
- If the manufacturer is still in business, contact them with the style name or product number. Even if the specific product is discontinued, they could have a small amount still in stock. If not, they might have a similar (or even identical) style that is available for purchase under a different name or product code.
- You may be able to find discontinued flooring in stock from a third-party retailer, so it's a good idea to do a thorough Google search as well.
- If you can't find the exact product, you can try matching your existing floors.

How can I match my existing flooring?

- The process of matching your existing flooring will depend on your needs and plans. Do you need to repair a damaged section of flooring, are you expanding a room, or are you looking to match the floors in one room to another room?
- If you're looking to match closet or bathroom floors to a connecting bedroom or match the floors of one room to the existing floors in another room, you can most likely get a close enough match that's unnoticeable.
- Discontinued hardwood, stone, or tile flooring are easy to match from another manufacturer. The grain pattern and wear and tear might vary slightly, but it shouldn't distract from the overall look of your space.
- When matching floors, make sure that the tiles or planks are the exact same width, length, and thickness as your existing flooring. Bring a small sample and photos of your floors to Floor Factors so that we can help you find the best match.

What Services Does Floor Factors Offer?

In addition to an impressive selection of floor covering materials, Floor Factors offers full-service contracting support for both residential and commercial customers. Our services include design consulting, free estimates, demolition, and installation. We can also help you find a product that matches your existing floors. If your flooring is discontinued and you're unable to match the material, get in touch with an expert at Floor Factors.

Contact us today or stop by our extensive flooring store in Portland to learn more about the products and services we offer.

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