

HARD FLOOR GUIDE

How to choose the right hard floor

At Glasswells we know quite a bit about hard flooring our experts are very experienced and can help make the perfect choice. Hard and natural flooring adds a clean, fresh look to your home. There are a variety of types available, all of which affect the appearance, feel, and importantly, performance of your hard flooring choice.

This guide will show you what types of flooring are available and how it will transform your space both visually and practically.



WHICH ROOM?

Start by thinking about where you want to lay the new floor and what that particular room is used for. High-traffic areas, like hallways or children's playrooms, will benefit from durable flooring, while kitchens and bathrooms require a splash-resistant floor that's easy to clean. And when it comes to bedrooms, it's all about the look, there are a wide variety of colours and designs to give a warm comfortable appearance.

Quality hard floors are an investment in style and, with a little bit of maintenance, can look fantastic for years to come.

UNDERFLOOR HEATING?

More and more of us are enjoying the benefits of underfloor heating in our homes. It's well-suited to small rooms where a radiator takes up valuable space and it means the warmth is evenly distributed around the room instead of just one area. Plus, it feels great on bare feet on cold days.

Hard flooring is suitable to work in conjunction with underfloor heating systems, however restrictions can apply and our flooring experts will be happy to advise.

HARD FLOOR TYPES

Laminate flooring uses beautifully detailed printed decors and a textured resin surface to recreate the look of the natural material. It is a great choice if you are looking for a cost effective, durable floor which can be installed quickly and easily. Laminate products include wood, tile and stone designs, available in various different colours and patterns, which are sure to complement any modern or traditional space. Most laminate floors are suitable to be used with underfloor heating. The surface layer has a scratch guard added to offer extra protection from unwanted damage, dents and scratches. Laminate floors require minimal maintenance and hygienically it makes a great alternative to carpet. Modern laminate floors offer impressive authenticity while remaining a highly practical floor that is incredibly easy to care for making it a versatile favourite that works with all looks.

LVT or Luxury Vinyl Tiles are produced to mimic the look of wood, stone or ceramic tiles. They look incredibly realistic and are warm to walk on. To achieve this appearance the flooring has a fine printed vinyl layer of the pattern or design of your choice, topped with a high impact and high performance, transparent, protective layer. Underneath this is a vinyl core, a stabilising layer and a backing layer, all these give strength and stability. The thin and flexible nature of LVT means that it can even be fitted onto a staircase.

Engineered Wood Flooring overcomes issues when installing in areas such as kitchens, conservatories or spaces with high amounts of temperature and humidity changes. The plywood base makes the product much more stable than solid wood flooring and gives you far more flexibility. Engineered wood floors are underfloor heating compatible and when installed, engineered and solid wood look almost identical.



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