



Out of this world flooring at down-to-earth prices

SOLID & ENGINEERED FLOORING

SOLID WOOD FLOORING is the term for individual pieces of wood milled to a tongue-and-groove profile, typically $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick and nailed to a plywood subfloor. It is available with a factory applied finish, or as an unfinished floor requiring jobsite sanding and finishing. Prefinished flooring is popular because it avoids the delays and mess of a sand-in-place floor, and the new generation of factory applied finishes are considered superior and longer lasting. Solid wood flooring offers the most choices in specie, grade and dimension.

ENGINEERED WOOD FLOORING is a sandwich of alternating wood layers designed to provide stability. It's basically a solid wood top "wear" layer that is permanently bonded to its own wood subfloor, thereby allowing it to be installed directly over concrete. An engineered floor has approximately one sixth the seasonal movement of a solid wood floor of the same specie and width. It makes good use of the timber resource by concentrating the best wood on the wear layer. Planet Hardwood recommends engineered flooring for glue-down and floating installations, and for flooring wider than 6" in width. Many engineered floors can be nailed down also, and some offer a thick re-sandable wear layer comparable to a solid wood floor.

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