

Why choose laminate flooring?

Laminate flooring is practical and looks fantastic. Modern day print and production processes mean that pretty much any style of flooring can be emulated with a laminate, from classic wood to travertine tiles, and today's laminates are so authentic that visitors to your home will be none the wiser, believing that they are walking on the real thing.

A laminate floor is simple and fuss-free to install and adds a beautiful finish to any room. Unlike real wood flooring, laminate takes very little on-going maintenance and can be used almost anywhere in your home.

At Alexanders we stock a diverse range of laminate flooring to suit every budget, room and interior taste. From realistic finishes and detailing to quality materials and beautiful shades, you're sure to find laminate flooring that suits your needs with us. We also have a great range of laminate underlay and accessories to ensure that you get the best out of your new flooring and achieve the perfect finish.

Room guide to laminate flooring

So you're planning to refurbish your living spaces and you know exactly what finish you want. Maybe a wooden floor will give you the look you desire or maybe you've set your heart of a stone tiled floor. However, real wood and stone do not come cheap and installing these floors can be tricky and costly, plus of course the ongoing maintenance needs to be considered. Looking at laminate flooring as a more affordable alternative would be really worthwhile to you as there is sure to be a design to suit your needs, that's easy to fit and look after. There have no doubt been numerous occasions when you have walked on a laminate floor yourself believing it to be real wood or slate without realising, and visitors to your home will do the same. But are laminate floors really a viable option for all over the home and will they suit your family's lifestyle? With the expert knowledge of our professionals, we can help you decide.



Bathroom

Although generally not considered the ideal choice for this wet room, there are some ranges of laminate flooring for bathrooms available. It's slip resistant so a safe option too. If you've always wanted a realistic wood effect floor in your bathroom, choose laminate.



Kitchen

Easy maintenance laminate flooring is great for kitchens as it deals easily with any spillages or dropped food. Super practical and with a wide range of designs to choose from, kitchen laminate flooring will give you functionality as well as gorgeous styling.



Lounge

Ever popular for living rooms with good reason - it's the perfect choice! With such a huge selection of designs, styles and colours available the only issue you may have is deciding which one you want to order for your living room!



Bedroom

Again, laminate is fantastically popular for bedrooms as it is super stylish and comfortable underfoot. As bedrooms are low traffic areas there's no need to worry too much about durability. Just choose your favourite design from the huge selection available.



Dining room

This practical flooring is great for dining rooms. Easy to clean and maintain, it can deal perfectly well with the odd drink or food spill. Pretty much any laminate will work in your dining room so you really can create any look you want.

Laminate flooring types

With a seemingly ever-growing array of styles available to choose from, making a decision could be tricky. From the classic wood to stone tiles and slate effect laminate, it really is possible to create any look and feel you have set your heart on, and improvements in digital printing and production mean that today's laminate flooring is incredibly authentic.



Oak

Oak flooring looks stunning and gives any home a timeless finish that complements pretty much any style of décor. It is also one of the most expensive and desirable materials on the market and one that will never be out of vogue. However, not everyone can stretch to a real oak floor, and many people are put off by the on-going maintenance of real wood. Oak laminate flooring is very realistic and so much more practical than the solid oak. It's the perfect way to get the amazing look of real oak without the huge cost, or ongoing maintenance.



Walnut

Dark and atmospheric, walnut laminate will create ambience in your home. Walnut is a beautifully rich wood and this laminate authentically captures its natural beauty including knots and grain detail. A dark floor gives your living spaces a neutral base, giving you the freedom to decorate your way. A dark laminate will also add warmth and a cosy feel making it a great choice for bedrooms. Walnut laminate flooring can give you the perfect dark wood floor without the scary price tag meaning you can re-vamp your home at a fraction of the cost.



Hickory

Bring the warm tones of hickory into your home with hickory laminate flooring. Available in a variety of shades from the classic warm reds to beige and greys, hickory laminate also comes in a choice of finishes. Some with a modern look to give your home a more contemporary feel and for those that love vintage styling there are some more retro choices. A classic flooring that will suit all sorts of décor, a hickory laminate will add character to any living space meaning you can create the look without the hefty price tag.



Chestnut

Chestnut laminate flooring will add a feeling of yesteryear into your living spaces. In varying shades and styles, chestnut laminate has a natural look with grain detailing that enhances its authenticity. Some have a worn look to the surface adding further to the vintage feel and this makes chestnut laminate the ideal choice for those that hanker after the look of days gone by. Achieve a classic or vintage appearance with its natural look that makes it a versatile option when it comes to complementing colour schemes and design.



Stone

A stone tiled floor will finish any room perfectly, whether it is decorated in a contemporary or more traditional style. Stone has been used for floors for many years as it is super durable, easy to maintain and looks stunning. However, this classic can be slippery when wet and cold under your feet. This tile effect laminate flooring is the perfect solution if you've always wanted a stone floor. Stone effect laminate looks fantastically realistic, is anti-slip and has a comfy warm surface to walk on. You really can get the best of both worlds with stone effect laminate.



Slate

Slate has long been a desirable flooring option for homes. Now you can achieve the look and feel of real slate without the high cost by investing in slate effect laminate flooring. Its textured surface replicates the natural appearance of slate, yet because it is laminate it is more practical and easier to clean and maintain. The deep and rich tones of our slate laminate flooring will give your rooms a rustic appearance which is both charming and inviting. This realistic slate effect flooring is anti-slip, easy to clean and mimics the appearance of real slate tiles.

Laminate Flooring Finishes



The surface finish and plank detailing of laminate flooring can dramatically change the look and feel of your floor. This detail enhances the authenticity of your laminate, giving you the look of real slate, stone or wood. The way that laminate planks are finished really impacts on the overall look of your floor, but what are the differences in these finishes?

Plank edging

No groove edge

No groove means just that! The edges of all planks meet squarely creating a smooth, uniform surface blending the wood floor together from plank to plank.

V-groove edge

A V groove is a finish added to the edge of each plank of wood effect laminate to enhance depth and definition between them. Each edge is bevelled so that when the planks are clicked together, a v groove can be seen between each board giving an even more natural finish by enhancing the plank effect.

4V-groove edge

A 4V groove incorporates the bevelled edge on both the length and width of the planks which further adds to the authenticity of your laminate floor. This enhances the definition of the plank effect even more increasing the realism, giving you the look of a hardwood floor. Stone effect laminates can sometimes include a more rounded groove as this is better replicates grouting between stone tiles.



Surface finishes

Embossed

Some laminate comes with a textured finish to the surface and this laminate is called embossed. The pattern is pressed into the laminate to create a texture that makes your flooring look and feel more like real wood. However, regular embossing doesn't match exactly with the grain on the printed layer of your laminate.

Registered embossed

The process for registered embossed is the same as for regular embossed whereby a pattern is pressed into the surface of the laminate to create texture. However with registered embossed the texture follows the grain of the printed image, creating a really authentic look and feel underfoot. Innovation in the industry's technology enables each individual laminate plank to be matched with perfect precision.

Hand scraped

The surface of the laminate flooring is pressed in such a way that it creates the appearance of wood that has been scraped giving it real rustic feel. The laminate appear old and distressed which is a very popular look and your feet will feel the contours of grains and indentations

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Plank detailing

Single plank laminate

Single plank laminate gives the impression of a single plank of wood taking up the full width of each piece of laminate, giving a traditional look to your floor.

2 strip plank laminate

The 2 strip laminate designs give the impression of 2 strip of wood across the width of each laminate piece which gives a staggered appearance highlighting colour variations.

3 strip plank laminate

3 strip means that the laminate looks like there are 3 boards within one plank. Again, this shows variety in colour and the distinction between boards looks seamless.

Narrow plank

Narrow plank laminate gives the impression that each plank is narrow which is great for small spaces as it will make the room look larger by giving the appearance of more planks in the room.

Wide plank

This laminate works well in larger spaces as the planks appear wider giving a more rustic look and feel to the room without making it look too busy.

Tile plank

This laminate is made to replicate tiles of different sizes and shapes and applies to stone and slate effect laminate flooring.