



TAKE THE FLOOR

With a wealth of options to choose from, deciding on flooring to suit you can be daunting. Take inspiration from this round-up of the key trends in wood, carpet and tiling and explore the latest designs on offer for your home

Brushed Oak LVT planks (laid in a French weave pattern), from £70/sq m, Amtico

TREAD THE BOARDS

With an array of shades and finishes to choose from and design-led laying patterns to explore, the range of wooden flooring has never been so vast. Characterful reclaimed planks are an additional option and tell a unique story, while improvements in luxury vinyl tiles (LVT) proves them to be a stylish and practical alternative to the real deal. **Against wall (l-r):** Burbank Plank, £137.32/sq m, Ted Todd. Walnut Brickwork board oiled, £60/sq m; Oak Walnut Fine Line parquet unsealed, £60/sq m; both The Natural Wood Floor Company. Renaissance

Reclaimed Engineered French Oak, £178.80/sq m, The New & Reclaimed Flooring Company. On floor (l-r): Original Face Reclaimed Engineered French Oak, £154.80/sq m, The New & Reclaimed Flooring Company. Oak Primrose, from £82.80/sq m, Ecora. Credenza Oak LVT plank laid in herringbone design, from £39.99/sq m, Amtico. Float table, £795, Pinch. Small Kaleido tray by Hay, £19. Smug. Wooden flower vases, £22 each, Kami mug, £55, both Native & Co. Spoon, stylist's own. Wooden plate in white, £6.99, H&M Home ▶





2 GENTLE GROUNDWORK

Carpet adds instant warmth and comfort. Neutral shades sit seamlessly within any scheme, while muted colours and understated patterns add subtle interest. Consider the level of footfall in the room, and choose your material accordingly – Sisool is an exciting new blend that combines durable sisal and soft wool. Carpets, clockwise from top: Alpine wool carpet (*background*) in Pale Stone, £90/sq m; Crucial Trading, Sisal Olympia carpet in Silver, £37/sq m; Sisal & Seagrass. Barefoot Ashtanga wool and silk carpet in Crane, £94.10/sq m; Barefoot Quartz wool carpet in Citrine, £104.75/sq m; both Alternative Flooring. Natural Tweed carpet in Eriskay, £44.99/sq

m; Brockway, Biscayne wool carpet in Eggshell, £78/sq m; Crucial Trading, Bell Twist carpet in Dusky Rose, £39.99/sq m; Brintons, Habitat Rustik carpet in Air, £40/sq m; Ulster Carpets, Lakeland Hardwick carpet in Ramsbeck, £44.99/sq m; Brockway, Padstow carpet in Candy Houndstooth, £69.98/sq m; Brintons, Sisool Tric carpet in Ivory, £117/sq m; Crucial Trading, Chunky knit footstool, £180; Cox & Cox, Kaleido tray by Hay, £25; Smug, Porcelain flower vase, £36; Native & Co, Daruma Geroni yarn in Fawn, £10.25; Knitpro Basic birch straight needles, £6.75; both Loop, Teal plate, £3.99; H&M Home, Espresso cup, £32; Made & Good



Layered Herringbone carpet, £59.99/sq m, Brintons



Expert insight

‘Braver choices such as pastel shades are proving increasingly popular and make a stylish impact. Explore patterned designs, too – they can increase the feeling of space in a room dramatically, as well as adding a level of tactility.’

JODIE HATTON/CREATIVE DESIGNER AT BRINTONS ►

Expert insight

'Floor tiles work especially well when used in open-plan living areas to mark out different zones, and within indoor spaces that flow seamlessly into the garden to bring the outside in. Experiment with colour for a truly unique look.'

LOUISA MORGAN, MARKETING DIRECTOR
AT MANDARIN STONE

Florence Décor and Florence Base porcelain tiles on wall, from £47.59/sq m; Pastello Mix decorative porcelain tiles on floor, £38.36/sq m; both Mandarin Stone

3 SET IN STONE

Tiles are a practical and beautiful flooring choice, with endless options available in terms of colours, shapes and finishes. Playing with different combinations and laying patterns is one of the most fun and creative ways to upgrade your home – opt for brights or pastels and intricate patterns on cement and terracotta tiles, or try the natural hues of stone and marble for a sophisticated feel. Terrazzo tiles are having a huge revival at the moment, and are sure to make a statement in any scheme. **Against wall (l-r):** Background in Eye tiles in Duck Egg, £3.96 each, Artisans of Devizes. Green Otura tile, £8.06 each, Bert & May. Savoy Décor tile in Leaf Gloss (just seen), £1.50

each, Gemini Tiles. Cannes Fleur tile, £13.45 each, Claybrook. Japonica Silver Blue Limestone Sheru mosaic, £36 for a sheet, Artisans of Devizes. Terrazzo Wild tile, £126/sq m, Mosaic del Sur at Mosaic Factory. Bahya Josephine tile, £204 sq m, La Maison Bahya. On floor (l-r): After Lowry ceramic tiles, £7.20 each, Smink Things. Forecast tile in Cromarty, £1.02 each, Fired Earth. Glass and wood pouer, £38, The Conran Shop. Nalbari chopping board, £24.95, Nkuku. Imitation stone pots, £8.99 each, H&M Home. Egg cup by Emma Lacey, £18, The Conran Shop. Spoons, stylist's own. **FOR STORE DETAILS SEE WHERE TO BUY**

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