

what's best?

BATHROOM FLOORING

There's no doubt that choosing the right flooring for your bathroom is important, since family and guests will be using it on a daily basis. Make sure the flooring you choose can stand up to water, foot traffic and more. Review the guide below to compare different options and decide what option will work best for you.

1.

CERAMIC TILE

Appearance:
Many styles and colors available

Pros:
Durable, waterproof, stain proof, texture is available for more slip resistance

Cons:
Difficult to install, cold and hard on feet

Maintenance:
Easy to sweep and mop

Price:
\$1-\$20 per square foot



2.

CORK

Appearance:
Unique, natural

Pros:
Easy to install, warm and soft, mold/mildew resistant, slip resistant

Cons:
Water resistant but not waterproof, many seams

Maintenance:
Unfinished tiles require polyurethane layers, reseal every 2-3 years

Price:
\$3-\$8 per square foot



3.

NATURAL STONE

Appearance:
Many styles available

Pros:
Durable, texture is available for more slip resistance

Cons:
Continual maintenance required

Maintenance:
Clean and seal regularly

Price:
\$2-\$100 per square foot



4.

ENGINEERED HARDWOOD

Appearance:
Real wood

Pros:
Withstands heat and moisture, can install over existing floor

Cons:
Difficult to repair single boards, water resistant but not waterproof

Maintenance:
Clean regularly

Price:
\$4-\$7 per square foot



5.

SHEET VINYL

Appearance:
Many colors and patterns available

Pros:
Can install over existing floor, water resistant and waterproof options available

Cons:
Emits VOCs, doesn't improve value of home, poor appearance if not installed correctly

Maintenance:
Sweep and mop regularly

Price:
\$1-\$2 per square foot



Tip: Carpet and real hardwood floors are NOT recommended for bathrooms. Carpet absorbs moisture and is susceptible to mold and mildew, while hardwood floors will warp with moisture.

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