



Exploring Flooring Options: _____
HOW TO CHOOSE THE BEST FLOOR FOR YOUR BASEMENT

Choosing the best flooring for your basement

When it's time to choose floors for your basement, you have more to consider than just looks and maintenance. From moisture concerns to uneven sub-floors, basements bring a unique set of challenges when it comes to flooring. Let's review those challenges and take a closer look at two flooring choices that meet them.

Basement flooring challenges

Humidity and moisture

Basements are built as the foundation of your house and the most common material for basement floors and walls is concrete. Concrete is durable but also porous - that's why many basements feel damp and cool. That porous quality also means that water or water vapor can seep into your floor. The resulting moisture and humidity can cause serious problems for many floor choices.

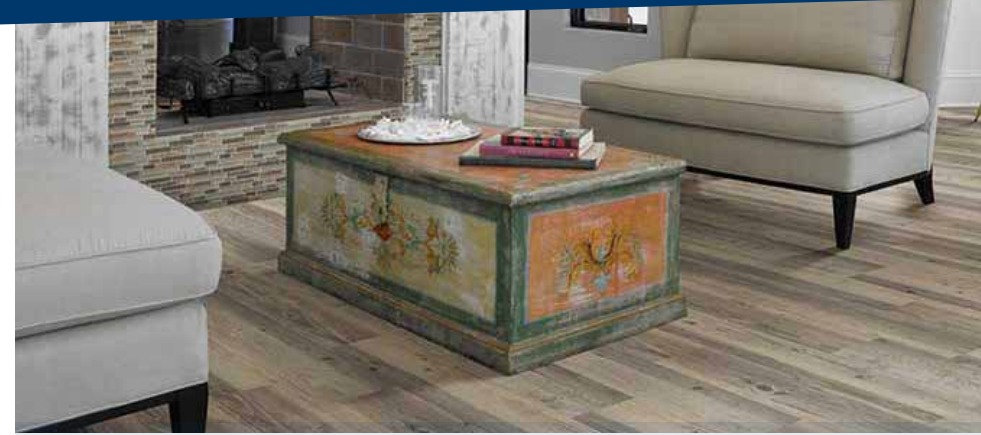
Water or excess humidity can cause wood flooring to swell or buckle. If you have a very damp basement or a basement prone to flooding, you could also end up with mold or fungus beneath your flooring ruining the floor and harming your air quality.

Uneven sub-floors

Very few basement floors are completely level and some flooring requires an even sub-floor. You can try to level out your floor with self-leveling cement but you're better off looking for a flooring option that can handle some unevenness.

Low ceilings

You don't often have to consider the height of your ceilings when you choose your floor, but you definitely should in your basement. You may not have room for a thick flooring option - especially if your ceiling accommodates air ducts.



Questions to ask when choosing a basement floor

1. How does this floor handle moisture or water?
2. What kind of sub-floor does this floor require?
3. How many centimeters will this floor add to my existing sub-floor?
4. What are the maintenance requirements for this floor?
5. What design options do I have with this floor?





Hard surface flooring + your basement = your best floor

For practical and pretty reasons, your best basement flooring is likely to be a hard surface option such as tile or luxury vinyl. The flooring design experts at Kermans are available to help you learn more about these flooring choices, show samples and help you find the best floor for your budget and basement. Call 317-842-5700 to make an appointment or stop by our Indianapolis showroom to start looking for your new floor.



Two great choices for basement flooring

PRODUCT

TILE

Ceramic tile is the gold standard when it comes to basement flooring.

LUXURY VINYL

Luxury vinyl brings the look of stone or natural hardwood in a flooring material that is perfect for basements.

ADVANTAGES

- Unaffected by humidity or water - even flooding.
- Can be installed directly onto a concrete slab
- Extremely durable
- Beautiful design options

- Water-resistant (some options are completely waterproof)
- Absorbs sound
- Can be installed on uneven sub-floors
- An amazing array of design choices from slate to travertine to rustic wood