

**EXPLORING FLOORING** — Pros & cons of hard surface floors

## Beautiful, versatile, durable hard surface flooring

Hard surface flooring is quickly becoming one of the most popular floor choices for today's homeowners. Options such as tile, hardwood or luxury vinyl, are excellent flooring choices for a variety of reasons. Hard surface floors are easy to maintain. They do not collect dust or mildew - making them great options for allergy sufferers. Wood, tile and resilient floors are extremely durable and long lasting. They also come in a wide range of styles to suit any home design. Let's review your options when it comes to these practical and pretty floor coverings.

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	<b>NATURAL HARDWOOD FLOORING</b> The classic hard surface flooring choice.		<b>TILE FLOORING</b> A diverse range of flooring options.	<b>RESILIENT LUXURY VINYL</b> The perfect mix of practicality and style.
	Natural hardwood flooring is available in species as neutral as oak or maple and as exotic as teak and mahogany. Darker woods are perfect for contemporary designs while lighter woods lend themselves nicely to more traditional rooms. You can select narrow, wide or varying width planks to make your floor truly custom. From hand-scraped wood to highly polished planks, hardwood flooring is a floor that will instantly add value to your home.		Tile flooring might offer homeowners the most choices of any type of flooring. Ceramic, glass, metal, porcelain and stone tile each bring their own unique look and feel to your home. Colors, textures and tile size are all variables that can be customized to create your perfect floor. Traditionally at home in the kitchen or bath, tile is equally suited for any living space, bathroom or basement.	Luxury vinyl is water resistant, stain resistant, and scratch resistant - it's clearly a practical choice for any room. Its popularity, however, comes from its ability to mimic so many high- end floor designs. Resilient vinyl can look like natural hardwood, ceramic, or stone - bringing the look of more expensive natural flooring at a much more affordable price. Great designs in an easy-to-care for floor - there's a lot to like when it comes to luxury vinyl.
	PROS	<ul><li>Timeless beauty</li><li>Long lasting</li></ul>	<ul><li>Waterproof</li><li>Extremely durable</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Scratch and stain resistant</li> <li>Water resistant with 100% waterproof options available</li> </ul>
	CONS	<ul> <li>Not water resistant</li> <li>Requires an even subfloor for installation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Grout can be difficult to clean if not sealed</li> <li>Moderately difficult installation requirements</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>May not be available in the look you desire</li> </ul>





## Finding the perfect floor for you

Hard surface flooring brings a lot of benefits to any home. As you consider the different styles, ask these questions to help you narrow down your choices to the best floor for your home, lifestyle and budget:

- 1. How will I use this floor?
- 2. Are animals or children going to affect the floor?
- 3. How long will installation take?
- 4. Are my sub-floors in good shape?
- 5. What are the maintenance requirements for this floor?
- 6. How long does this floor typically last?

## Let the experts at Kermans help you decide

There's a lot to consider when it comes to hard surface flooring. 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 home. Make an appointment or stop by our Indianapolis showroom to start looking for your new floor.