



VINYL & LINO

Ideal for adding low-maintenance, cost-effective style, these are hugely practical - great for kitchens and bathrooms where a wipeable surface is needed. Vinyl is waterproof but lino is the more eco-friendly option and has lost its dated image: quirky designs and bright colours are now widely available for both, along with effective designs that mimic textures such as wood and stone. Try a classic chequerboard look in contrasting colours for a country-style kitchen or splash out with a colourful spot or floral design to add a pretty touch to a country bathroom.

- Lino is biodegradable and doesn't harbour dust or dirt, making it a great choice for asthma sufferers, but it does need sealing against moisture for use in bathrooms.
- Before laying, ensure the subfloor is clean, dry and dust free. For best results, install a layer of plywood on which to fix the vinyl or lino.

THIS PAGE Vinyl flooring comes in both tile and roll form, is very easy to lay (some tiles will be self-adhesive), soft and warm and very hardwearing. In strong geometric designs, it can create the effect of ceramic tiles for a fraction of the cost.

DIRECTORY WOOD

DINESEN (dinesen.com) Quality Scandinavian plank flooring.
LASSCO (lassco.co.uk) Suppliers of reclaimed and responsibly sourced wood flooring from characterful oak to elegant parquet.
THE NATURAL WOOD FLOOR COMPANY (naturalwoodfloors.co.uk) Engineered and solid-construction flooring.

CERAMIC & PORCELAIN

BERT & MAY (bertandmay.com) Great collection of encaustic tiles - both handmade and reclaimed, including cement.
FIRE EARTH (fireearth.com) Extensive range of styles, colours and sizes from simple plain shades to bold patterns and stone, too.
MARSHALLS (marshalls.co.uk) Stylish tiles for floors and walls.
ORIGINAL STYLE (originalstyle.com) Great for floor tiles, including authentic Victorian geometric and border tile designs.
PORCELANOSA (porcelanosa.com) Wall and floor tiles in cooler, contemporary styles from Spain, including hard-wearing porcelain.
TOPPS TILES (topps-tiles.co.uk) Range of affordable floor tile options.

CONCRETE

LAZENBY (lazenby.co.uk) Internal and external decorative finishes.
STEYSON (steysontconcretefloors.co.uk) Quality floors in a range of styles such as brushed, power-floated, polished or granite finish.

STONE

ARTISANS OF DEVIZES (artisansofdevizes.com) Suppliers and installers of natural stone floors.
MANDARIN STONE (mandarinstone.com) More than 100 lines, including limestone, marble, slate, sandstone and granite.
RECLAIMED FLAGSTONES LTD (reclaimedflagstonesltd.co.uk) Reclaimed York stone flags for interiors and exteriors.
STONE AGE (stone-age.co.uk) Suppliers of natural stone flooring such as basalt, limestone, antiqued limestone, marble and porcelain.

WOOL & COTTON

ANTA (anta.co.uk) Classic country-style plaid and check rugs and made-to-measure carpets in pure wool sourced in the British Isles.
BRINTONS (brintons.co.uk) Wool and wool-blend carpets in country patterns and plains.
CARPETRIGHT (carpetright.co.uk) Great-value carpets in plains, stripes and finer textures, plus vinyl, laminate and engineered wood.
ROGER DATES (rogerdates.com) Contemporary rugs and runners for stairs and hallways in a range of colours and striped weaves.

PLANT FIBRES

CRUCIAL TRADING (crucial-trading.com) Natural-fibre flooring and rugs in weaves and styles including jute, coir, sisal and seagrass.
KERSaint COBB (kersaintcobb.co.uk) Natural floor coverings in a diverse mix of textures, including sisal, grass, coir and jute.

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ANTICO (antico.com) High-quality vinyl floors that are resilient, practical and warm. Custom-designed options available.
FORBO (forbo.co.uk) Linoleum flooring in 300 colours.
HARVEY MARIA (harveymaria.com) Bright vinyl flooring, including ranges by Cath Kidston and Neisha Crosland.
KARDEAN (kardean.com) Luxury vinyl tiles and planks.
QUICKSTEP (quick-step.co.uk) Laminate, hardwood and luxury vinyl wood plank-effect flooring. Easy-to-lay clip-together system.