

	Wall-to-wall Carpet	Ceramic tile	Vinyl or linoleum	Wood or wood laminate	Natural stone (such as slate or marble)	Polished Concrete
<u>Available in a wide spectrum of design options</u>	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	Unlimited
<u>Longevity and performance</u>	POOR	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	Excellent	Excellent
<u>Ease of maintenance</u>	POOR (needs frequent vacuuming; stains easily)	Good	Good (linoleum may need occasional waxing)	GOOD	Good (may need sealing and occasional waxing)	Excellent
<u>Can radiate heat and store solar energy</u>	NO	NO	NO	NO	Yes depending on the material	YES
<u>Vulnerable to humidity and moisture damage</u>	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO
<u>Can harbor mold, mildew, dust mites and other allergens</u>	YES	NO	NO	Yes (mold and mildew, if the flooring becomes wet)	NO	NO
<u>Is a sustainable flooring alternative</u>	NO	YES	Maybe (if using linoleum made from all natural materials)	Maybe (if made from reclaimed or FSC-certified wood)	NO	NO
<u>Average cost per square foot installed</u>	\$3.38 - 6.61*	\$11 - 22*	\$2.64 - 5.64*	\$8 - 10	\$20 - 50+	\$3 - 7 (for a 3,000-grit fir and the use of an impregnating seale
<u>Average lifecycle cost</u>	High	Low	Intermediate	Intermediate	Low	Extremely low

