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Why is wood a popular design choice?



Does recommending wood flooring present design dilemmas? This timeless type of flooring is trending again within the world of interior design, despite its pricey-ness if that is even a word. Following this trend requires deciding on many variables. Wood tones are an important one, though not the only one.



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Before deciding on a finish, elements worthy of consideration include direction of the pattern, size of the pattern, texture, and finish of the planks. A trendy choice is the classic [chevron](#) or [herringbone](#) pattern. Other popular patterns include [Basketweave](#), [Brick](#) and [Chantilly](#), a daring choice originating from the [Chantilly Castle](#); built in 1560, in northern France.



Plank size depends on space. Larger blocks of wood with a smoked or fumed effect on brushed oak boards are typically topped with an oil that only protects the floor but also provides the surface with a fresh feel for modern spaces.



A diagonal wood layout creates the longest lines and makes the room look its largest for smaller spaces like apartments. Bringing the same floor from corridors into rooms can expand the sense of space. With diagonal

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patterns, there tends to be more waste at additional cost. Spaces with lower ceilings do best lighter colors like chalk wash to lighten up the room.



Reclaimed wood produces a stunning effect in period homes. Specifically, aged teak or walnut for their great character. But it is time consuming. Brace yourself for prep time with reclaimed wood: stripping adhesives from the reclaimed block.



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Think about borders. Add an inlay? Or let it flow? Wall-to-wall looks better in some instances but some prefer a border or an inlay of a different type of wood. You could combine plank and herringbone in the same finish: straight planks in a hall and chevron into the living room which keeps the flow of space right. It could also work well with the direction of the walls.



Take a look at [Chetham Timber Company](#), [Mulveys of Dundrum](#) and [Tile Style](#) for new, engineered or semi-solid wood. Look into MM Parquet for reclaimed floor shopping.

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