

The Art of **CARPETING & DECOR**



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ENGINEERING BEAUTY

For those who love the look of wood floors, engineered wood provides a practical choice for over concrete slabs and in environs where solid wood flooring cannot be applied (such as below grade from finished basements). Aside from meeting these practical challenges, engineered wood flooring mimics the look of real wood by applying a thin wood veneer over a plywood substrate. Because the thickness of engineered wood is only three-eighths to five-eighths-of-an-inch deep, it can be applied over an existing floor (such as in a kitchen renovation) with minimal increase in floor height. Most engineered flooring is available in tongue-and-groove strips that must be stapled or glued to the subfloor. Others, such as "long-plank" types, are designed for "floating" installations.

Flooring choices can set the tone for any room in your home or office. Careful consideration of material, ease of maintenance, durability, color, and design is not something you have to do on your own, however. That's our job. Our ability to stay on top of the latest design trends, product knowledge, and myriad resources keep us well-suited to meet your decorating challenges. For the perfect finish, start here at CARPETS & FLOORS, INC. We're open Monday through Saturday, 9am to 5am.

HINT: Virtually all engineered flooring comes prefinished, usually with "eased edges," which are slightly rounded edges that provide small V-grooves between each board.

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