

Hardwood Options

So you've determined that you want to buy hardwood. Hardwoods come in a variety of species, colors, and looks. This document will help you customize your hardwood selection to match your style.

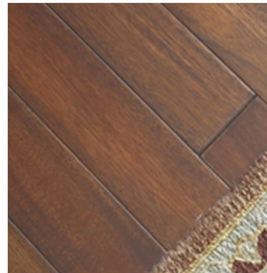
Wood Species



Wood species can

- Vary by color and toughness
- Influence your home's décor

Wood Edges



- Square edges add flow
- Beveled and Eased edges hide imperfections and also clean easier

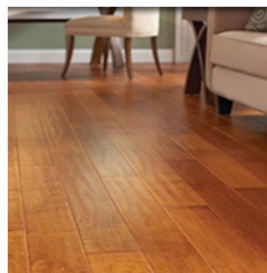
Wood Hardness



Consider a harder or distressed wood if you have

- Children or pets
- High traffic areas

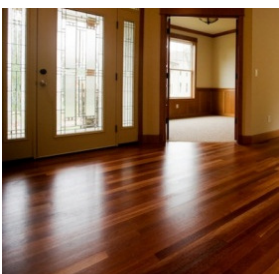
Wood Style



The wood style can give a room a traditional or formal feel

- Narrow boards have a more formal feel
- Wide boards have a more traditional feel

Wood Gloss



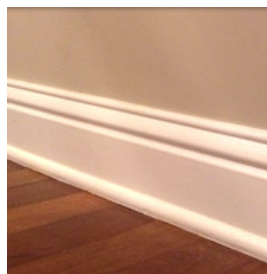
Lower Glosses

- Help hide imperfections
- Stand up to children and pets better

Higher Glosses

- Give a shinier look
- Display imperfections

Moldings and Transitions



Coordinated moldings and transitions are an important piece to completing the project

- Moldings help cover the gap left between the floor and the wall that provides the wood breathing room
- Transitions cover the space between two flooring surfaces