

FLOOR AND WALL COVERINGS CHART

RESILIENT/MISC	CHARACTERISTICS	USES	CARE
Vinyl	Tough, resists stains, durable. Variety of patterns and colors. Comes on rolls or do-it-yourself tiles. Low cost to very expensive.	Can be used anywhere.	Soap and water, can use special cleaners. No waxing needed.
Vinyl Composition	Very durable, resists stain and wears well. Used in very high traffic areas such as school. Low cost.	Can be used anywhere.	Soap and water. Can be waxed and polished.
Wood	Combines warmth, beauty, resilience and durability. Variety of patterns and warm "wooden" colors. Desired in many homes today. Average to high cost.	Can be used anywhere.	Dry mop, or damp cloth. May need to be stripped and refinished.
Carpet	Viewed as a necessity today. Large variety of colors and textures. Can serve as a transition from one room to another. Insulates well. Average to high cost.	Can be used anywhere.	Vacuum. Stain removal with cleaner or shampooing may be needed.
Paper	Thousands of patterns and colors to choose from. Many are now treated with varying thicknesses of vinyl. Low to high cost.	Used on walls.	Can be washed or scrubbed depending on type of paper.
Paint	Least expensive way to change a room. Thousands of colors to choose from. Many different types of paint for different uses. Low to high cost.	Can be used anywhere.	Depends on type of paint, but most can be washed.
Fabric	Large variety of patterns and colors. Mounted in many different ways. Not practical in areas that get a lot of wear or dirt. Average to high cost.	Can be used anywhere.	Vacuum or remove and wash of possible.

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NON-RESILIENT	CHARACTERISTICS	USES	CARE
Flagstone/Slate	Any flat stone that varies in size, thickness, quality. Versatile, durable, absorbs solar energy. Color ranges from soft grays, beiges, reddish brown. Expensive.	Walks, patios, foyers, greenhouses, heavy traffic areas.	Dust with dry mop, wash occasionally. Can wax or coat with vinyl.
Mexican Tile	Crude base made of clay from earth. Hand shaped and sun dried, limited range of colors. Durable, informal, inexpensive. Absorbs solar energy.	Wherever a hard, cement like surface is desired.	Dust with dry mop, wash occasionally with detergent.
Brick	Durable, little upkeep. Many textures, sizes, colors. Transmits moisture and cold readily, absorbs grease unless treated. Absorbs solar energy.	Walks, patios, foyers, any room where a country look is desired.	Same as care for flagstone.
Quarry Tile	Types of ceramic tile formed and fixed as it comes from earth. Hard, durable. May be glazed or not. Heat and frost resistant, easy upkeep. Absorbs solar energy.	Period rooms, especially Italian, early English, Mediterranean.	Unglazed: may be waxed. Glazed: dust with dry mop, wash with soap.
Ceramic Tile	One of the hardest most durable coverings. May be glazed or unglazed, comes in many colors, patterns and textures. Any size or shape. Absorbs solar energy.	Any room, especially bathrooms, kitchens.	Same as care for quarry tile.
Marble	Hardest nonresilient material. Many varieties. Gives feeling of elegance. Variety of colors. Very expensive.	Use anywhere, especially appropriate with classic styles.	Wash with soap and warm water.
Glass/Glass Block/Mirror	8x8x3" blocks or smaller bricks. Excellent light transmission, good visibility, provides high impact strength.	Use as pavers, bathrooms, entry ways, anywhere.	Clean with warm water and detergent.