

Luxury Vinyl Planking: Is it the floor for you?

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Flooring is an important part of all home renovations. We are always being asked what the best type of flooring is, and in reality, there is no perfect answer. Each type has its own set of pros and cons. Hardwood is beautiful, engineered hardwood avoids shrinkage or movement, carpet is comfortable, and laminate is relatively simple.

A newer type of flooring that we are recommending to some customers is luxury vinyl planking, or LVP. Luxury Vinyl is individual pieces of vinyl that come in sizes similar to the wider hardwoods that are meant to look like real hardwood. Planking can come in a plethora of styles and colours, and it has improved greatly, in terms of look and texture, since its conception. The style options are unlimited! It can be glued right down or installed floating on top of any type of subflooring. Plus, it is quite reasonably priced.

Our favourite customers to recommend LVP to are families. Especially young families with pets. Why? This is an extremely durable floor. LVP is 100% water resistant. Spills will have no effect on the flooring, so it is a great option for kitchens and bathrooms (does anybody else have a soaked bathroom after bathing the kids or dog?). It is scratch resistant, too. Not only is it tough on its own, but it often has a clear or protective coat for extra durability, and is also coloured through many layers so the few scratches that do get through are barely noticeable. It seldom chips if you drop something, and if your children like throwing toys (or if you are just a really clumsy adult) the floor usually absorbs the shock and avoids the negative effects of a hard impact.



Besides lasting for so long, you'll love other aspects of LVP. It stays room temperature, so you won't have cold feet in the morning. It can be soft, depending on the subflooring, to keep you

comfortable if you need to stand for an extended period of time. Plus, with a good subfloor, it absorbs noise, so you won't have to listen to every movement that is made in the house.

Best of all: it is low maintenance. Dusting is enough to keep it looking clean on a regular basis, and when you do feel like a deeper cleaning, all you need is a damp mop with a mild soap. In fact, too strong of soap or floor wax can weaken or damage some types of luxury vinyl planking. In this case, less is best.

Next time you stop by a flooring store or speak to our interior designer, ask about luxury vinyl planking.

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