

# It's easy to select a floor to tell your unique story

Because Columbia Flooring offers such a beautiful variety of options, there are many details to consider when choosing a floor — from color and finish to location and maintenance.

Whether you're choosing your floor based on color or by plank width, we make it easy to find the floor that's perfect for your home. Learn about the flooring options below, including flooring construction, species attributes, color characteristics, plank details and coordinating accessories. Then, use the corresponding icons and ratings to quickly compare your favorite floors.

## Flooring Construction

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Columbia hardwood floors come in two distinct construction types — solid and engineered.

Both types of our hardwood flooring are available in a beautiful selection of wood species and colors. No matter which you choose, you'll enjoy a premium hardwood floor offering rich graining and genuine beauty. The differences between the two types are how they are constructed, their reaction to climate changes and how/where they should be installed. See the chart below for more details.

SOLID	ENGINEERED
 solid <b>Construction:</b> Each plank is milled from a single piece of solid lumber. <b>Reaction to Climate Changes*:</b> More susceptible to humidity and temperature changes. <b>Installation:</b> Can be installed in areas that are on or above grade only. Depending on application, may be stapled or nailed over most wood subfloors.	 engineered <b>Construction:</b> Each layer of Columbia's cross-grained products is fused under heat and pressure for added strength — resulting in floors that resist expansion and contraction. <b>Reaction to Climate Changes*:</b> Highly stable, with minimal susceptibility to relative humidity. The layered construction produces joints less likely to gap due to shrinkage and expansion resulting from seasonal temperature and humidity changes. <b>Installation:</b> Stability of construction allows installation anywhere in your home — below, on or above grade. It can be floated, glued, stapled or nailed over most subfloors, including concrete.
<p><i>*We do not recommend either type of hardwood flooring be installed in high-moisture areas, including bathrooms. High moisture can cause unfavorable conditions for any hardwood flooring type.</i></p>	