

The latest BEDROOM FLOORING

Whether you prefer bright colours or something a little more understated, we unveil this year's new flooring styles to give your decorating scheme an on-trend refresh

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Jewel tones

When it comes to carpet, this season it's all about rich, jewel-like shades. Think opulent blues and purples, ruby reds, and golden amber hues. "Even deep berry tones add instant warmth to a scheme and work well plain or within a patterned carpet for added visual interest," says Jemma Dayman, buyer at Carpetright. Go for a colour you are most drawn to, as the bedroom should be a place where you feel good and want to spend time in. If you are erring on the side of caution about making a bold statement, try balancing out your scheme with pared-back furniture and pale walls.

As it is soft underfoot, carpet is a perpetually popular choice for the bedroom. Unlike stairs and hallways, the space is a relatively low footfall zone so you can often afford to go for a more sumptuous, high-pile option as it won't be worn down as quickly as in other areas. Fibres such as viscose and chenille have a luxurious silky appearance, while 100% wool carpets are soft, cosy, and naturally more durable. Mixed blends that include nylon or polypropylene tend to be more affordable and are easier to clean.

1 The Albion Twist carpet, shown here in Mulberry, is made from 100% polypropylene which makes it highly stain resistant. It has a felt backing for added comfort. Priced from £6.99 per sq m, Carpetright.

2 Valentine Clyde is the latest carpet from Lifestyle Floors and comes in an on-trend deep teal shade. Balance the look with a paler colour on the walls, as shown in this bedroom scheme. Priced £21 per sq m.

3 Elements' Synergy Collection is available in array of rich tones that match this trend perfectly, including Emerald City green, Gold Coast yellow, Star Sapphire blue, and Pinot Noir red, all priced £85 per sq m.

4 A collaboration between Boutique by Alternative Flooring and Zoffany, the Serpentine carpet (shown here in Malachite) has a luxurious precious-gem look with different shades running through the thick pile with a marble-effect finish. Also available in a grey-toned Celadon, priced £59 per sq m.



Natural wood

A classic choice in the kitchen-diner, we are seeing more of you opt for wooden flooring in your bedrooms, too. Darker stained styles are particularly popular and look great alongside Mid-century furniture, while lighter shades offer a Scandi-style look that exudes a feeling of calm. "Wood has seen a remarkable revival – and thanks to it being natural, more of us want the material in our home so we can create a welcoming, organic atmosphere," says Darren Hopkins, founder of wood flooring brand Root London. "Where original floorboards may have previously been painted white, they are now exposed in all their glory." But if you aren't lucky enough to have originals, fear not: there are alternative options. Engineered wood flooring can be simple to install above existing coverings for a realistic and even finish. There are also luxury vinyl tiles and even porcelain wood-effect designs, which have the added benefits of being low-maintenance and compatible with underfloor heating, too.



1 For the wood look with a twist, Stone & Ceramic Warehouse's Westmorland porcelain plank tiles are a durable option. Priced from £71.88 per sq m. We love the large parquet arrangement.

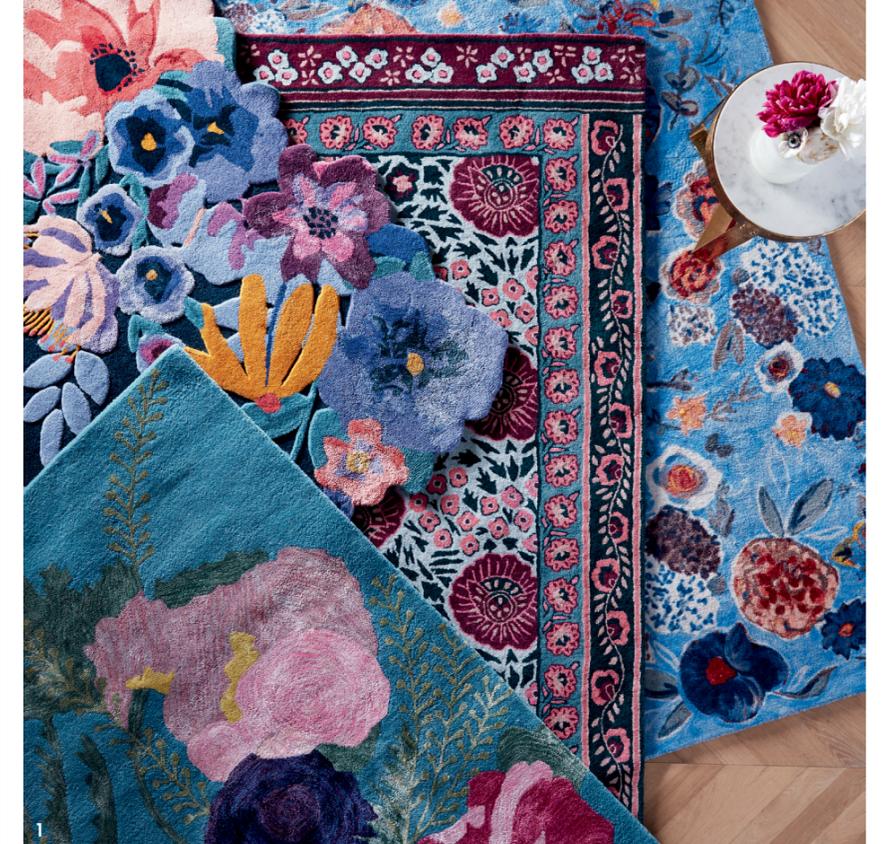
2 Root London's engineered wooden floorboards are available in a variety of oak finishes including (clockwise from the top) Natural, Parsons, White Oiled, and Belgrave, as shown. A great versatile option, install the planks in an on-trend herringbone layout, straight for a brick-style look, or even create an ombre effect by transitioning from one shade to the other. Prices start from £153.60 per sq m.

3 The Oak Kinda engineered wood flooring features large knots and cracks to show off the natural features of the real wood planks. Priced around £106 per sq m from Köhrs.

4 This Home Choice European Nature engineered oak flooring from UK Flooring Direct has been coated in a natural Cocoa Piccolo oil, designed to protect the surface and allow it to wear naturally over time. Priced around £32.99 per sq m.

Layer up

Love rugs? Place multiple styles alongside and on top of one another for a cool, laid back look. It's an idea we've seen in lots of bedrooms of our featured real homes lately and this way you can have the best of both worlds – hard flooring and comfy carpet – while you also get to experiment with colour and pattern. Create an eclectic style by mixing and matching vintage rugs with contemporary patterned ones in colours that complement one another – for example, if your rug has a mustard accent, pair it with other designs in similar tones. You can easily swap out or move the rugs around depending on what suits your mood and the room. Just remember to add rug pads underneath to prevent slips.



1 Shown here (from top layer to bottom) are the Floristry rug, from £198; Jardin rug, £598; Tufted Lindie rug, from £298; and Emma rug, from £128, all Anthropologie.

2 The Bungalow DK Chindi rug, shown in Curry, has been made from leftover cotton from fashion production. Priced from £20 for a 60 x 90cm size, Printer + Tailor.

3 This handmade rug is sourced directly from Morocco and features intricate traditional patterns in its weave. Priced £595 from Yonder Living.

4 Bring positivity into your bedroom with a bright and bold pattern, like this colourful Rainbow stripe rug from the The French Bedroom Company, priced £295.

5 Hand-woven into a funky geometric pattern, this cotton Dakota rug in Sea Green, £249, measures 170 x 240cm, from Made.

6 Add a statement shade and a different shape to your collection with this Bojack braided Chindi round rug measuring 50cm in diameter, £120, from Habitat.

7 Featuring tonal shades, Marks & Spencer's pure wool colour block rug starts from £219 for a medium size measuring 170 x 120. **KBB**