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CARPET

If you're looking to lay carpet in a room in your home, our guide to the latest carpet designs will take the leg-work out of your search

There's nothing like the luxurious feel and warmth of carpet underfoot. Plus, it's a great way to add colour into your home and pull a scheme together. Carpet is good for most rooms of the home, but particularly the bedroom, where you want something soft and comfortable to walk on, especially when you first get out of bed. Choosing a carpet depends on whether you have children or pets, which area of the house it will go in and the look you want to achieve. But with so many options available, you won't be short of choices!

YOUR CARPET STYLE GUIDE

- **Twists** Either plain or heather, twists are hard-wearing with a coarse appearance but a forgiving feel.
- **Velvets** These carpets have a more luxurious appearance that's a lot like suede – if you rub the pile one way, it appears to darken.
- **Saxony** This style has a deep pile as well as a sensuous appearance and feel, but is prone to flattening. Not the best choice for areas that see heavy traffic.
- **Loop piles** These carpets are a popular choice for high traffic areas but are not good if you have pets – cat's claws, in particular, tend to get caught in the loop.

Add pattern in a large room with a timeless checked carpet in soft, coordinating shades for a relaxing vibe.

Abbotsford woven Axminster **carpet** in Heather Kilgour, £75.99 per sq m, Brintons

A chunky loop carpet with a lovely texture would be ideal in a living room
Habberley **carpet** in Misty Grove, £45 per sq m, Victoria Carpets



Pale blue works well with a bold sofa and neutral walls. Sophisticat **carpet** in Azure, £27 per sq m, Abingdon Flooring



South Pacific **carpet** in Fiji, £42.99 per sq m, Kersaint Cobb



Durham Elvet Loop **carpet** in Silver Cross, £38 per sq m, Hugh Mackay



Firework Luminous **carpet**, £10.49 per sq m, Lifestyle Floors



Long Island Eastport **carpet**, £50 per sq m, Unnatural Flooring



Ulster Velvet **carpet** in Jade, £72 per sq m, Ulster Carpets



There's nothing like stepping out of bed onto a warm, carpet, especially if the carpet enhances a colour scheme too. Solar **carpet** in Key Lime, £55 per sq m, Brockway

WHICH FIBRE?

- **Wool** This has been used for centuries and is still recognised as the best fibre for carpets. It's warm, soft, has excellent appearance retention, is naturally flame retardant and environmentally friendly.
- **Nylon** Extremely hard-wearing and often used in an 80 per cent wool/20 per cent nylon blend. It has a high abrasion resistance, is easy to clean and compatible with manufacturing processes like dyeing and yarn production.
- **Polypropylene** This is hard-wearing easy to clean and has good colour fastness. It's good for creating heather mix effects.



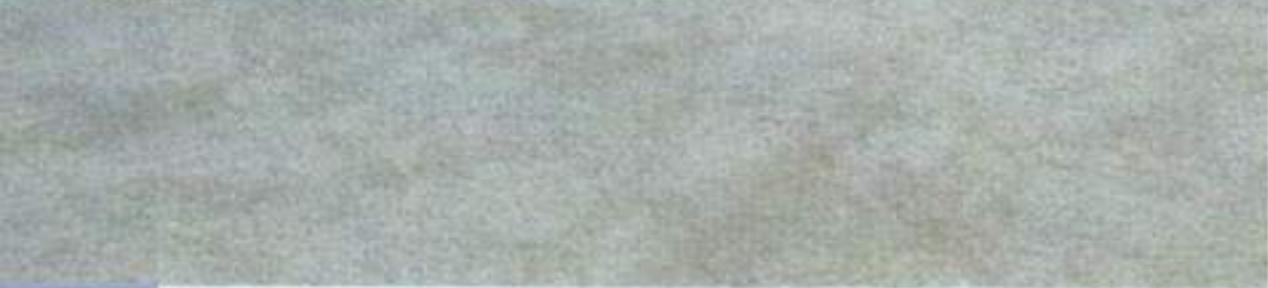
This carpet features a new, soft polypropylene twist yarn that gives it the appearance of velvet. Apollo Comfort **carpet** in Snipe, from £20 per sq m, Cormar



This striking zig-zag design looks stunning on a staircase. As well as adding pattern and texture, it's designed for heavy domestic use. Chelsea Zig Zag **carpet**, £38 per sq m, Hugh Mackay

CARPET CARE

A new carpet should be vacuumed twice a week. If you have a cut-pile carpet (velvets and twists), clean it with an upright vacuum cleaner with a beater bar and brush. If it's a loop pile carpet, vacuum it with a cylinder vacuum using the suction head only.



Give a room a retro feel with this new showstopping design from Ulster Carpets. Natural choice Axminster **carpet** in Batik, £81 per sq m, Ulster Carpets



Rich colours work well with a neutral base. This carpet is a warm mink colour, so it's the perfect backdrop to a berry-coloured sofa and mauve walls. Cascade **carpet** in Grey Fossil, from £65 per sq m, Kersaint Cobb