



Random Width Floor Installation

Why Random Widths

The final look of a wide plank floor is determined by the unique details which are selected during the design process. One of the most important design decisions is selecting the width or widths of your flooring.

Despite the prevalence of single width floors, many clients still like to consider random widths for their custom floor design. The concept of a random width floor comes from some of the first floors built in America, when settlers used whatever widths the tree produced, and preferred wider boards because you covered much more space with fewer boards.

The same logic applies today, larger boards mean fewer seams, which creates a more beautiful design aesthetic. Today though, the wider boards not only serve a function, but become the major focal point for the floor and the overall design, especially in larger rooms. Random widths can be used for historic restorations or contemporary designs.

If you are using random widths, review our list of helpful suggestions. Before you begin the installation take some time to assess the installation areas and determine how the different widths can be used. Take into account where furniture, cabinetry and other permanent fixtures may be placed so you can avoid installing your wider boards in those areas.

If you are an installer, or have questions about installing a random width floor from Carlisle, contact us at 800-595-9663 to speak with a Wide Plank Specialist.

*If you want to install your floor in a repeating pattern speak with your Wide Plank Specialist prior to ordering so we can factor this into your floor design.

SUGGESTIONS

Prior to installation ensure individual widths are kept separate.

Do not repeat the same pattern*, otherwise you will run out of some widths before you complete your floor.

Randomly stagger the widths of the board runs, this preserves the integrity of the look of the floor.

Use narrower boards in smaller, narrower spaces such as closets, hallways, walk ways and in secondary rooms, like a bedroom.

For wider, gallery hallways, you may consider installing one wide board down the middle, while using narrower planks on the perimeter.

Place your favorite boards in locations where they won't be hidden.