

Maximizing the Beauty of Your Floor



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Carlisle Wide Plank Floors hand picks the most beautiful wood to craft your floor. Our goal is to reveal the entire life of the timber. The tips below will assist you in maximizing the beauty of your Carlisle Wide Plank Floor.

1. When unloading your floor, mark the pieces that have unique character or striking coloring. Then mark the areas in the floor where you would like them to be used.
2. Mark the boards that aren't as striking, and put them in a separate acclimation pile. Your installer can use these to fill in under cabinets and in closets.
3. Mark out the areas on your subfloor where large furniture or rugs may go, so that your favorite boards are not hidden there.
4. Map out the direction you want the floor to run. We suggest running the boards parallel to your longest wall, as this will highlight the length of the boards.
5. Minimize transitions unless you are changing direction. When flooring runs from one room to another, let the boards flow through the doorway without using a transition piece. This will enhance the flow of the floor and simplify the beauty.
6. Don't cut long boards for short pieces. For example, if you need a 4' board, look for a 5' piece to cut. If you cut down a 10' board, it will shorten the overall length of your floor and increase the number of butt joints.
7. Stagger your butt joints by at least 3' in adjacent rows.
8. With a random width floor, use the wider boards in the most visible areas. Set this width off by placing one of the narrowest boards on either side of it.
9. Don't be concerned about gaps or overages during installation. Floors are natural, organic pieces of art, so the less perfect they are, the more they will reflect their history and the raw material from which they were created.
10. Consider using a picture frame to highlight architectural details such as fireplaces or built-ins.