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## 2020 flooring trends you'll love

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Floors have stepped up their game in recent years. They've taken their rightful place as a focal point in the home with unique and sometimes unusual patterns, colours and finishing options. By its very nature, the floor is a key visual component of any space. Your floor will set the tone and the overall aesthetic boldly or subtly, depending on the type of flooring product you choose. Here are four flooring trends to keep in mind for 2020.

### HIGH QUALITY

Homeowners are investing more in their homes these days, and they're looking for a great product that is durable, long-lasting and aesthetically pleasing. And if it's also budget-friendly, then even better. But when it comes to floors, buyer beware: you get what you pay for. We've all had experiences with a sub-par product that is left looking dull and dinged-up in six months. If you want your floors to last, go for high quality.

### HAND-SCRAPED WIDE PLANKS

In my professional experience, hand-scraped wide-plank floors have always been in high demand. In 2020, they will continue their reign as the must-have complement to country-rustic and urban-contemporary styles alike. This trendy flooring style has a long history and was once the norm, when wood planks had to be hand-planed, which resulted in varied grooves, uneven pigment with each board a one-of-a-kind. The wider planks have a clunky charm that is warm, inviting and durable. Check out Canadian company Fuzion Flooring ([fuzionflooring.com](http://fuzionflooring.com)) that boasts an extensive collection of colour options suitable for all interior styles from cottage vibe to urban contemporary.



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**PATTERN**

The resurgence of patterned floors will continue through 2020 and beyond – and I’m not referring to dear-old Granny’s parquet! Today’s fabulous new patterns, such as herringbone and other linear installations, are a striking design feature being executed with tile and wood alike. I’m partial to a chevron pattern done in a light, neutral wood for a modern and classic look.

**COLOURED FLOORING**

Consider your floor to be a fifth wall. From that perspective, colour is essential. Though a coloured floor seems like a bold and permanent commitment for what is one of the priciest elements in your home, it really does create a statement. Soft creamy white, pale blue or grey can lighten and brighten a small space or a basement. Most of these floors will come in an engineered wood material, which is perfect for a basement or a condo. If you have ample space, dark, dramatic wood floors are a classic choice.

Remember, style trends come and go. Your floors are a significant investment and an even bigger commitment when you consider the cost and inconvenience of replacement. But, if you choose wisely, you shouldn’t have to change anything for decades.



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