



GET WOODY WITH IT!

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Wood has been a staple in the interior décor industry for a long while now and not just as a building material but as an active aesthetic ingredient for good reason. Wood is one of the most versatile materials when it comes to interiors and has been used in every possible way. We have seen a lot of variations in wood, especially in terms of colours. Try using different shades and species of wood to create some dynamism.

Here are some more ways to add distinction to your floors.

LAY IT ON STRAIGHT

This is the classical way to use wood. Although it sounds plain and simple, it is possibly the most common way to put in wood flooring. Use straight planks laid across the surface. This is suitable for pretty much any room and the pattern has a timeless feel to it. Placing the planks across the length of the room helps make a small room look much larger. There are ways you can have some fun with this configuration. You can play around a little bit by using alternate color tones with the planks to give it a distinct appeal. Another way you can take a different approach is use the straight planks in an irregular pattern instead of just laying them across end to end right next to each other. This will help add a sense of subtle quaintness to your setting.

HERRINGBONE HERALDS

Herringbone is another classic pattern for your floors and works brilliantly in pretty much any setting be it commercial or residential. The Herringbone pattern is basically placing the planks at a 90-degree angle to each other to get a weave like pattern. The outcome is quite pleasing to the eye. Unlike the straight planks, the herringbone pattern tends to make large rooms look smaller in size, which gives the room a nice cosy feel. This layout adds a touch of sophistication and elegance to your setting. You can always add your own variation, and experiment with the shade of the wood or try using multiple planks instead of single planks.

WEAVE A LITTLE PARQUET

Parquet patterns are a more geometric approach when it comes to floor-



ing. The classic checkerboard pattern elevates your room and adds a very distinct charm to your setting. You can play with the appearance and add some more complex patterns within each checkerboard square or you can play with colors and shades, the possibilities are endless. Traditional parquet installations are quite hard to find today since it takes a while to put them in manually. However, you can always go for

engineered modules with the pattern overlaid with wood veneers.

Wood floors are the single most popular choice when it comes to giving your home a classy look and for good reason and have been a timeless trend. Get creative, stand apart from the crowd and let your house reflect who you truly are.

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