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ANY ROOM

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the ultimate
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Products and advice to achieve peak flooring fabulousness

EXPERT VIEW

Smart flooring choices

Lucy Barlow, founder, Barlow & Barlow

“ We tend to avoid focusing too much on trends so that the design is timeless, but painted floorboards are an easy and effective idea to try. The beauty is you can always update it if it goes out of fashion!

The paint designs people want on their floors are changing. One of our favourite looks at the moment is to create a simple and classic chequerboard effect.

If in doubt, keep your flooring simple. No one ever regrets a good quality wooden floor with lots of texture and graining.

Natural materials are always a yes – a jute rug or sisal carpet and natural wooden floorboards. They help to add another layer of texture and detail to build on.

With bathrooms and kitchens it is important to not only think about aesthetics, but also practicality and durability – consider how the room will be used. One great way to blend pattern and practicality is to use hexagon mosaic tiles in bathrooms – they add a different pattern and texture, as well as being much less slippery underfoot.

We are always an advocate for layering and using rugs – a rug can be a piece of art in itself and helps to create an eclectic space that’s full of surprises.

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SOFTLY DOES IT

Rugs don't come more luxe than the velvety new Resia from Gallotti&Radice. Its sharp angles and plush finish are sumptuously inviting.

From £5,770 (gallottiradice.it)

TECH TO THE RESCUE

One problem with buying flooring is that it's not exactly easy to test it out in your home – and when choosing a surface for your staircase it's even more difficult thanks to the variations of light and shadow. Carpet, rug and runner brand Alternative Flooring has upgraded its game-changing Show Me My Room visualiser to work on staircases. Simply choose which designs you're considering, upload a photo of your space and you can see just how your choices will look in situ. Now's the time to get experimenting with some bold looks. **Try out the Alternative Flooring visualiser at showmemyroom.com**



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