

Best Carpet Selection? What Grade of Carpet Should I Choose?

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Carpet Specifications - A list of carpet questions that you need to know the answers to before you buy new carpet.

Buying new carpet is not an easy task and unless you do your carpet homework you could easily end up very unhappy with your purchase. Most homeowners want to know if their carpet selection is a good choice. I need to have sufficient information to help you.

This is critical information I will need if you want me to give you my opinion about your carpet selection. You may have to ask your carpet salesperson to provide you with the [Carpet Specification Sheet](#) if the answers you seek are not listed on the Carpet Sample Manufacturer's Label.

Basic Info:

What is your level of foot traffic in your home? Low, Med, Moderate, High

How long do you want your new carpet to last? _____ (# of years)

Total square feet in your home? _____

Type of subfloor? Wood / Concrete

Any moisture problems, high humidity, leaks, any mold or mildew? Yes / No

What zip code do you live in? _____

Have kids or Pets? Yes / No

Have pet accidents? _____

Carpet Specifications:

Name of the Dealer? _____

Location? _____ (City /State)

Carpet manufacturer? _____ (Shaw™, Mohawk™, Lee's™, Gulistan™)

Warranty Length? _____ (# of years)

Carpet style name? _____

Carpet color name? _____

Style of carpet? _____ (Plush, Frieze, Berber, etc)

Fiber brand? _____ (Anso™, Stainmaster™, Tigressa™, etc)

Fiber Type? _____ (nylon, polyester, Smartstrand™, PET, olefin, etc)

Is it a Continuous Filament Fiber? Yes / No

Face weight? _____ (Range from 25 to 85)

Tuft Twist? _____ (Range from 3 to 9)

Pile Density? _____ (Range from 1000 to 6000)

Pile Height? _____ (fraction or decimal)

Carpet Pad Specifications:

Padding thickness? _____ (1/4", 3/8, 7/16, 1/2)

Padding Density Rating? _____ (Rated 4 to 10 pounds)

Padding type? _____ (memory foam, rubber, rebond etc)

Cost:

Carpet price? \$ _____ (per Sq YD or SF)

Padding price? \$ _____ (per Sq YD or SF)

Installation price? \$ _____ (per Sq YD or SF)

All Inclusive Price? Yes / No

Carpet/ pad/ installation inclusive price: \$ _____ (per Sq YD or SF)

Is there a charge for furniture moving? \$ _____

Will you be carpeting a flight of stairs? Yes / No

Any other charges? for what? _____

How much carpet do you need to buy? _____ (total sq yards or sq feet)

Total price per sq. yards or sq. feet? \$ _____

Total price for completed job? \$ _____

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