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WALL TO WALL

Modern carpet options address consumer concerns

BY JENN WILLHITE | PHOTOS BY ADOBE STOCK



Loud, boldly-colored shag carpet may have fallen out of vogue around the same time as the pet rock, but today's carpets offer more than just a daring statement.

John Haslett, a sales associate with Floors To Go in Greenwood, says carpet is still popular, especially for bedrooms, and adds his company even gets calls for berber carpets.

"People still think it is a good-wearing product," he says. "You don't see much of the big loop berbers anymore."

More than anything, shoppers are looking for pet-friendly, highly durable carpet, he says.

Flooring consultant Ron Chapman, with Carpet One in Greenwood, says carpet makes up a good volume of sales, although there are different purposes these days. Carpets of old were much more ubiquitous throughout the house, whereas today's carpet is reserved more for less high-traffic areas, such as bedrooms and less utilized spaces.

"Some carpets will give carpet a bad name," Chapman says. "They may not resist stain very well or wear very well, but there are carpets that will perform for the long-term."

Where customers run into trouble sometimes is when their expectations don't match up with their situation, he says. For instance, someone may want new carpet but will settle for a more economical version of what they really want simply because they don't think they will be living at their current residence long.

"They'll just get something at a good price that looks good, feels good and not think much about what the carpet will do down the road," Chapman says.

Of all flooring choices, labor is less for carpet, Chapman says, which makes it an appealing choice.

Like anything else, you get what you pay for and carpet is no different. Today's choices vary from good performance and economy carpets ranging in price from pretty inexpensive to very expensive depending on the type of performance a buyer is wanting, he says.

In just the last 15 years or so, there's been a new type of carpet on the market that is made with SmartStrand fiber, Chapman says. Made by Mohawk, the carpet is marketed as offering a "new level" of stain resistance and durability, according to the company's website.

"It performs well for wear and stain," Chapman says. "It is also comparable in price and performance to nylon."

Prior to the introduction of SmartStrand, nylon was the rock star of carpets. Introduced by Dupont in the 1950s, the petroleum-based nylon fiber is getting a run for its money with the green, low-VOC SmartStrand that is made from corn.

"You can get the smallest diameter, which makes it extremely soft and, yet, very strong," Chapman says. "They'll put multiple strands together, which adds to its strength. It is also repellent to stain and doesn't act like a sponge."

Even with all the benefits this newer carpet offers its price is comparable to other mid-grade carpets, Chapman adds.

Polyester carpets are still popular and for good reason.

"They give you great color, feel and good stain resistance," Chapman says. "You just have to be careful about performance."

He cautions that, like with anything else, you get what you pay for.

Thinner carpets clearly are not going to last as long as the thicker, more lush styles, he says. The shortened tines are better with polyester for wear, he adds, because it doesn't have the

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durability of the nylon or SmartStrand.

When it comes to color, Haslett and Chapman agree people's tastes seem to be shifting. Although there is still an affinity for the neutral color palate, most notably shades of gray, some shoppers are embracing patterned carpets and area rugs.

"Colors are big, but there's always exceptions," Chapman says. "If you have a designer working with you, keep in mind, you are going to be the one looking at it every day."

When carpet is well maintained it should last at least 15 years, Haslett says.

To ensure your carpet lasts, vacuum it often, Chapman recommends, because it is actually good for the carpet. When vacuuming, always run a vacuum in rows in an up, down and across pattern. Cleaning the carpet in a deliberate pattern like this will help fluff it up, allowing better suction to lift dirt from the base of the carpet.

Another element to keep in mind is steam cleaning.

Most major brands these days require periodic steam cleaning in order to maintain the carpet's warranty.

"For the warranties on almost any carpet to be legally valid, you have to have it professionally cleaned each year or every 18 months," Chapman says. "They don't want you to clean it yourself because people tend to put too much water in the carpet to get it to come clean. And that is bad for the backing because it can cause delamination. It's just best to have it professionally done."



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Tips for gardening with kids

BY FAMILY FEATURES | PHOTO BY UNSPLASH

After months of cool weather, the first hint of spring will likely have the whole family eager to dive into outdoor activities. This year, as you begin tackling the garden, find ways to get the youngest family members in on the action, too.

Not only is gardening an activity you can enjoy together, there are numerous ways to incorporate age-appropriate, teachable moments from counting and colors to responsible care of living things. Creating a positive first experience with gardening can start with this simple advice:

JUNIOR GARDEN

Dedicate a spot for a junior garden, which allows you to instill a sense of pride and ownership in the little gardener while protecting your own garden areas from ambitious young hands.

PROVIDE TOOLS

Provide appropriate tools in child sizes. Just as you would teach a child the finer points of baseball using a bat and glove, demonstrate the joys of gardening with tools such as a rake, hoe and trowel, all of which can be found in sizes more manageable for little helpers.

LET THEM CHOOSE

Let the kids choose what to plant. Whether flowers or food plants, allow children to make their own decisions (within reason) about what they would like to grow. This can help them engage in the magic of watching items they

selected emerge from the ground and grow into their finished forms.

ENTICE THE SENSES

Encourage exposure to unfamiliar plants that entice the senses with appealing smells and flavors. Herbs such as chives, mint and basil are good choices, or consider edible flowers such as pansies or violets.

SET AN EXAMPLE

Set an example for your child to imitate by giving regular and proper care to your own garden.

ENJOY THE BOUNTY

Remember to bring the lesson full circle by enjoying the bounty of your garden together, whether it's a small hand-cut bouquet or a meal featuring your child's fresh-grown produce.

Find more tips for gardening with your kids at eLivingtoday.com.



7 on-trend kitchen upgrades

BY FAMILY FEATURES | PHOTOS BY WELLBORN CABINET

Designers from coast to coast are cooking up fresh ideas for kitchen upgrades. This year's hottest trends bring numerous fresh aesthetic approaches while functionality also plays a leading role in top design ideas. If you are planning a kitchen upgrade, take inspiration from these on-trend elements spotted by the design experts at Wellborn Cabinet:



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UNIQUE TILE

In recent years, backsplash tile has taken a more prominent role in kitchen design and has continued to grow in popularity to the point where tile is now a full-stop focal point. From eye-catching colors and patterns to texture that brings new dimension, kitchen tile can make a big statement. In fact, bold tile is not just limited to the backsplash. Patterned tile is an on-trend option for adding character to your flooring and dressing up commonly under-designed spaces like the window jamb with a practical material, like tile, that is easy to clean and maintain.

MULTIPLE APPLIANCES

Function is front and center in residential kitchen design this year, and homeowners' growing demands to go big on appliances is proof. From double ovens to extra dishwashers, homeowners are committing to more useful features. There are even some kitchens that boast two refrigerators, which may be a nod to the way grocery shopping habits shifted during the pandemic, with fewer, but larger, trips to the store.

WALK-THROUGH PANTRIES

Whether you are capitalizing on the mystique of a "hidden" room or attracted to the idea of a more seamless aesthetic, a walk-through pantry can be a stunning and functional solution. With a walk-through pantry, you can add extra space to an existing pantry to create a better flow to your floor plan. Available in a variety of widths and heights, Wellborn Cabinet's Walk-Through Pantry blends naturally into the rest of your cabinetry to create visual continuity. Integrated magnetic door catches add stability and keep doorways securely closed.



WOOD FINISHES

After years of painted cabinets and woodwork dominating kitchen design, wood grain finishes are making a comeback. The look is cozy and inviting, and with a wide span of stain options, it is equally possible to take the look ultra-modern or veer toward a more traditional style. Outside of cabinetry, there is plenty of room to incorporate the warmth of wood, such as butcher-block counters or exposed beams.

GREEN, BLUE AND EARTH TONES

Jewel-inspired hues had their moment, but this season's color scheme is more about subtle shades that meld with neutrals for lighter, brighter spaces that feel airier and more spacious. Greens, in particular, pair well with an array of wood finishes, whether cabinetry, countertops or furnishings. Integrating greens, blues and other nature-inspired colors allows you to bring earthy serenity to a bustling and busy room, and this motif lends itself well to a design that creates a cohesive connection with adjacent outdoor living space.

CLEVER STORAGE SOLUTIONS

The kitchen is a busy place prone to clutter, and this season you will find multiple examples of practical solutions showing up in showcase kitchens. The features that can make your kitchen chores easier and neater come in all shapes and sizes. For example, discreet knife blocks tucked into drawers, drawer dividers for maximum customization and sliders that make it easy to empty the trash and recycling bins.

MARBLE COUNTERTOPS

Marble is not necessarily a new trend, but this year's attention is on slabs of marble with eye-catching veins that make counters really pop. For a fresh take on marble, forgo the typical white, gray or black styles in favor of color. Standout gold veining or even full slabs with stunning greens, blues and reds can make a statement. If budget is an issue, or you are worried about too much of a good thing, consider using a bold slab on a smaller space, like the island, rather than outfitting the entire kitchen.

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DOWN ON THE FARM

Add farmhouse-style elements to your home design

STORY AND PHOTO BY STATEPOINT

When it comes to home design, farmhouse style represents a total intersection of beauty and practicality, making it no surprise that many are embracing this traditional look today. Whatever architectural style your home is, adding key design elements can help you get in on the best aspects of the farmhouse trend.

Here are a few renovations to consider:

AN UPDATED PORCH

Adding a front porch or expanding an existing porch will not only add charming farmhouse-style curb appeal, but extend your outdoor living area as well. Be sure to take as much care decorating your porch as you would any other room of your home. Include comfy furniture, like rocking chairs and a porch swing, complete with cushions. Add potted plants for a touch of vibrant greenery, lantern wall sconces for illumination, and outdoor rugs for coziness. Don't forget the entryway. Make it more inviting with seasonal wreaths and a cheerful welcome mat.

BOARD 'N' BATTEN SIDING

Imparting a rustic, handmade quality to any home, even those built-in contemporary styles, "board 'n batten" is a centuries-old siding design that encapsulates the appeal of farmhouse-style homes. The term "batten" refers to the strip of molding placed across the joint between boards. The resulting look boasts an attractive geometry of strong vertical lines balanced by a sense of texture across the horizontal face. While the look is traditional, you can pair it with the very latest in siding technology.

METAL ROOFING

There's a reason metal roofing plays prominently into the design of authentic farmhouses — it is built to last. That's truer than ever today, thanks to advances in metal



roofing technology. Offering superior color retention, long-term reliability, energy efficiency and environmental friendliness, architectural-grade metal shingle roofing is an upgrade that can add both beauty and value to your home.

INTERIOR TOUCHES

Restyle your home's interior to be farmhouse-inspired with a few renovations. Classic looks include neutral walls, such as matte shades of beige, grays and creams, shabby chic furniture — think wicker, distressed wood and reclaimed lumber — and hardwood flooring. Consider dusting off a few hand-me-downs or visiting antique shops and estate sales for one-of-a-kind finds. Above all, be sure to prioritize comfort, warmth and practicality.



BATHROOM FACELIFT

Try these easy, affordable upgrades

BY FAMILY FEATURES | PHOTOS BY GETTY IMAGES

Long among the most popular areas for homeowners to undertake improvement projects, bathrooms can be some of the easiest rooms in the house to renovate without spending a fortune.

If you're looking to update one of the most-used spaces in your home, consider these easy and cost-effective ways to give your bathroom a facelift.

ACCESSORIZE WITH COLOR

There are numerous ways to create a new look without lifting

any tools. Replacing linens and other soft surfaces like rugs, window treatments and shower curtains can help brighten up your space. Adding a fresh coat of paint is another low-cost way to modify the look and feel of a space. With a variety of paint colors and finishes to choose from, you can add a splash of color as an accent or go all out to create depth and contrast.

UPDATE CABINETRY AND LIGHT FIXTURES

Keeping your existing vanity and other bathroom cabinetry,



especially if they're in good condition, can be a cheaper option than replacing all the cabinets. To create an updated look, add a different coat of stain or paint, replace the hardware and add pullout shelving or drawer dividers.

Replacing old, out-of-date light fixtures with modern, efficient options — including the appropriate bulb selections for each fixture — is another cost-effective way to help the space look and feel brighter.

INSTALL A HEATED TOWEL RACK

Consider investing in a multi-purpose appliance to help refresh the look of your area. For example, a heated towel rack can save time and money while providing comfort and convenience. Companies like Amba Products offer a variety of styles and finishes to fit almost any decor that produce radiant heat to gently warm and dry towels, which can save time, water and energy by not having to do laundry as often. In addition, the racks can help eliminate moisture, resulting in less growth of mold and mildew. Some freestanding models come ready to use and take as little as 5 minutes to set up.

An option like the UL-certified Jeeves Wet-Rated Kit allows homeowners to install a high-quality, stainless steel heated towel rack

inside moisture-rich environments like wet rooms, shower alcoves and walk-in showers or above bathtubs to make their bathrooms more functional while adding a touch of comfort.

SWAP OUT DECOR AND ACCESSORIES

A quick, inexpensive way to transform your bathroom is to update the decor and other design elements. Installing a new toilet seat, faucet or showerhead and adding matching accessories, such as a toilet paper holder, shower control knobs or a toothbrush holder, can make the space feel new and interesting. For even more impact, add artwork that matches the theme of the room, greenery or floating shelving.

ADD ACCENT TILE

You can create a luxurious look with your backsplash, flooring or shower by adding a pop of colorful tile. Cheaper than purchasing an entire room's worth of tile, creating a chevron or herringbone pattern in one of these oft-seen areas of the bathroom can make a fresh statement.

Get started on your bathroom remodel with more tips and ideas at ambaproducts.com.



MAKE YOUR GARDEN GROW

Tips to start or expand your veggie patch

BY STATEPOINT | PHOTOS BY ADOBE STOCK

Starting a garden for the first time or expanding an existing plot is easier than you may think. With a little love and care, your green space will bloom and thrive.

“For anyone with the inclination, a beautiful lawn and garden is always within reach,” says Jamie Briggs, director of marketing, Exmark, a manufacturer of commercial mowers and equipment for landscape professionals and homeowners.

This is the driving idea behind “Backyard Smart,” a free online video series. These short explainer videos are full of facts and relevant information to answer your most common lawn and garden questions. The following planting strategies come directly from two recent “Backyard Smart” episodes:

- **Start with seeds:** Looking to add new plants to your garden and flower bed? Try starting from scratch. While most nurseries have limited species of mature plants to select from, there are literally thousands of varieties of seeds available at dirt cheap prices. A quick trip to the seed kiosk in your local hardware store offers the potential for you to enjoy flowers you’ve never seen and vegetables you’ve never tasted.

“It’s easy to be intimidated by the prospect of growing plants from seeds but the truth is that all you need is soil, just the right amount of water and lots of sunshine,” says Briggs. “Nature will handle the rest.”

- **Practice “companion planting”:** Whether it’s growing marigolds alongside tomatoes to block bad bugs or planting corn next to squash to provide shade, plants are kind of like people, they do better with a buddy. Companion plants help block weeds, prevent pests, create fertile soil, promote pollination and offer plants a place to climb. In fact, people have been practicing this technique for centuries to create vigorous gardens.

For more entertaining, easy-to-understand approaches to making the most of your outdoor spaces, check out the Exmark Backyard Life site at exmark.com/backyard.

If you’ve always dreamed of having your own, homegrown, fruits and vegetables in your cooking, or brightening your home with fresh-cut flowers, there is no better time than the present to pursue this dream. The long sunny days of summer are ideal for developing your green thumb.





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How to fix that leaky faucet

BY MENARDS | PHOTO BY ADOBE STOCK

Fixing a leaky faucet may not be as difficult as you might think. For most faucets it's usually a simple fix and can take less than an hour. Faucets are an important part of your home but can be annoying when they start dripping.

TOOLS YOU MAY NEED

- Screwdriver
- Slip-joint pliers
- Penetrating oil
- Allen Wrench

Depending on the faucet and the type of issue it has, you may need other items. You might also consider purchasing a new faucet as they come in different price points, styles, models or it may just be time to get a new one.

HOW TO STOP THAT DRIP

Step 1 – You will first want to shut off your water supply. If your house does not have shutoffs for individual fixtures, you will need to shut off the main supply.

Step 2 – Assess your faucet. Where is the leak coming from

and what type of faucet is it? Is the leak coming from the base or the spout? Disassemble the faucet where the leak comes from. There are many different types of faucets and different parts based on the faucet type. There are one-handle, two-handle, pull-out, pull-down, just to name a few.

Step 3 – Disassemble the faucet. Use your Allen wrench, screwdriver and/or your slip-joint pliers to get to where the problem is with the faucet.

Step 4 – Once you have found the problem, replace what may be worn or broken. This could be as simple as a washer or an O-ring, or be a little larger like a cartridge.

Step 5 – Make sure that the faucet is clean before reassembling. Inspect the pieces or holes in the faucet and clean them out if they are clogged or dirty, and then you can reassemble the faucet.

SAVE MONEY

In the end, by investing some time to fix this problem, you wind up saving money. A small leak could waste anywhere from a few gallons of water to hundreds of gallons over the course of a year.

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