

Furniture and carpet for home

The most popular form of furniture is made of real wood finished your way. This entails a piece of solid wood furniture that is usually purchased unfinished and then finished anyway the end user would like. To combat the misleading notion that anything else counts as furniture the "Unfinished Furniture Association" was formed to educate the public.

Carpet:

A carpet is any loom-woven, felted textile or grass floor covering. The term was also used for table and wall coverings, as carpets were not commonly used on the floor in European interiors until the 18th century. Carpet-making was introduced to Spain in 10th century by the Moors. The Crusades brought Turkish carpets to all of Europe, where they were primarily hung on walls or used on tables. Only with the opening of trade routes in the 17th century were significant numbers of Persian rugs introduced to Western Europe.

Some use the words carpet and rug interchangeably. Historically, however, some have distinguished between carpet and rug based on size (the former being larger) or use (carpets on floors, rugs on beds or on the hearth). For the sake of clarity, some textile scholars also differentiate between carpets and carpeting (also known as fitted carpet or wall-to-wall carpet). In the real estate and home improvement industries a distinction is made between carpet (or carpeting) and rug. The former indicates a covering that is affixed to a floor and the latter a floor covering that is loose-laid, most often for decorative purposes.

Carpet types:

1. Woven.
2. Tufted.
3. Color Tec
4. Needle felt
5. Flat weave.
6. Hooked rug
7. Knotted pile.

Woven:

The carpet is produced on a loom similar to woven cloth and is a cut pile. Normally many colored yarns are used and this process is capable of producing intricate patterns from pre-determined designs. These carpets are normally the most expensive.

Tufted:

The carpet is produced on a tufting machine using a single-colored or sometimes non-colored yarn. If non-colored yarn is used the carpet will later be dyed or printed with a design. Tufted carpets can be either cut pile, loop pile or a combination of both.

Color Tec:

A color Tec carpet is manufactured on a tufting machine but is capable of producing a design that is close to that of a woven carpet.

Needle felt:

These carpets are more technologically advanced. Needle felts are produced by electrostatic attraction of individual synthetic fibers forming an extremely durable carpet. These carpets are normally found in the contract market such as hotels etc. where there is a lot of traffic.

Flat Weave:

A flat weave carpet is created by interlocking warp (vertical) and weft (horizontal) threads.

Hooked Rug:

A hooked rug is a simple type of rug handmade by pulling strips of cloth such as wool or cotton through the meshes of a sturdy fabric such as burlap. This type of rug is now generally made as a handicraft.

Knotted Pile:

Knotted pile carpet (formally, a supplementary weft cut-loop pile carpet), the structural weft threads alternate with a supplementary weft that rises at right angles to the surface of the weave.

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