

Creciente Hallway and Mail Room Carpeting

The Decorating Committee has been working on the Creciente Carpet Project since November 2015. Carpet companies that were contacted are: Pro Floors and Baer's (furnished our Community Room Tables and Chairs) from Naples, Abbey (installed our current Community Room and Office), Hadingers (installed our current hallway and mail room carpet), and Klare's in Fort Myers area.

Pro Floors presented Tandus, a commercial carpet company at a workshop in January 2016. We found the designs more appropriate for business rather than for hospitality use. Most were loop designs and low face weight. Cut pile is preferable for our application.

At Baer's, we looked at Milliken and Durkan, a division of Mohawk. Both had commercial carpeting. We felt Durkan's designs were too busy. Milliken offered a better hospitality collection. We ordered four large samples of Milliken for our review.

I designed a plan for all three buildings with the purpose of creating a more appropriate look for our long hallways and a lasting design. Deep blue borders with patterned center fields and breakpoints would give us a unique design and the illusion of shortening our hallways.

Baer's held a Carpet Design Presentation at Creciente on March 3, 2016. All aspects of both design and carpet selections were presented. The perfect patterns were from the Milliken collection, Pendant-Indigo for the center field and Radius-Imperial Blue for borders and breakpoints. Milliken offers unmatched warranties in the Performer Series for wear, stain, soil, bleach and a 10-Year 10% fiber loss wear warranty.

My recommendation for this unique project design is Baer's and Diamond Carpet. Their quote reflects the lowest cost per square yard with the most yardage. This reflects the least amount of seams in the border areas. Their carpet will be completely cut in their Naples warehouse and all pieces will be numbered for accurate installation. They are the only company that has a precision carpet cutting machine. This makes the installation flawless. Their carpet installers have considerable experience in condo installations having done several high-rise condominiums in Pelican Bay and other Naples areas. The owner of Diamond carpet is a licensed carpet inspector for all of the major carpet manufacturers, has decades of experience and will be overseeing our job.

Both Hadingers and Abbey's quotes have higher unit carpet cost and lower yardage which means more seams. They would be doing all of the border cutting here on our property. Part of the fields cutting would be done at their facility but cannot guarantee that there would be no seams. All of the cutting is done with a carpet knife. I was told the cutting machine is too expensive for them.

For a professional installation, Diamond Carpet gives us the designer look with the least border seam placement that has been carefully thought out and refined after two on site measuring visits.

After reviewing the entire project for their second onsite measuring verification with Maurice Gutierrez, Diamond owner and his partner Bruce for several hours at Creciente on March 14, 2016, they are the installers I would recommend for Creciente's Carpet Project.

Submitted by,
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