



## Flooring Styles You'll Want to Bring Home This Spring

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2021 is all about tranquility, and that notion is not lost on this year's flooring trends. Consumers are more interested than ever in bringing the serenity of nature indoors. Wood flooring is the perfect way to achieve all of this with its unbeatable design and functionality. Wood floors are practical, beautiful, and comfortable, but that's not to say there's no room for colorful tiles to find space on your floors. Here are a few flooring styles you'll want to bring home this spring.

### Mix it Up

2020 found us using dining rooms for offices and living areas for school rooms. This trend is carrying forward into flooring. Highlight different areas of your living space with flooring to match its purpose.

Don't fret. It's perfectly acceptable to mix it up in your new multi-functional living spaces. Think tiles for high traffic areas and laminate flooring for the rest. This technique does not only look appealing, it's a great way to visually separate the area's function.

### A Return to Days of Old

Wood flooring with a rustic flair is back this year. A "hand-scraped" or "wave" style flooring mimics naturally milled wood with scuff marks and imperfections that give the flooring a truly vintage look. Uneven boards lend themselves to this year's trends toward cozy interiors.

### Tile with Style

We all know tiles are an ideal flooring for kitchens, halls, and bathrooms. Now, new and unique tile designs let us choose tiles that imitate wood, stone, or even leather.

If you don't want to lose the cozy look of a living area, look for beautiful tiles with a wood-look style.

Another flooring trend with tiles includes large, geometric patterns. There are many ready-made ideas that will turn your living or office space into a work of art. Start with a pattern template and let your imagination run wild.

### Parquet is Here to Stay

The definition of parquet is "flooring composed of wooden blocks arranged in a geometric pattern." Simple, but parquet's complexity is what sets it apart from all other flooring. It is timeless, elegant, and beautiful. Nothing adds a look of the aristocracy to a room like a traditional herringbone wooden floor. Never mind that your parquet floor is home to your dog's bed and your children's toy bucket – this is your castle we're talking about.

### Flooring in Full Color

Maybe it's our answer to a glum 2020, but color is back in, and that includes flooring. There are many options to choose from, whether you are going to use color in combination with other types of flooring or let it stand on its own. Fall into this year's trend toward large geometric patterns with bold, beautiful and mega-colorful porcelain tile flooring. Make your statement the way you want in whatever room you choose.

Creating a new look in your home with flooring can be done on a large scale like a living room or to give life to smaller spaces. Use as an accent to a foyer or a bedroom-turned-new-home-office. There are no rules to design. Just put your best foot forward and let your floors speak for themselves.



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## March Calendar

**March 14** - Daylight Saving Time Begins

**March 17** - St. Patrick's Day

**March 20** - Spring Begins

**March 26** is National Spinach Day

## Homeowner Tip:



### Springtime Shingle Check

The beginning of spring is a great time to check your roof for missing or damaged shingles. Both winter and summer elements can really challenge your shingle's integrity. Any shingles that are buckled, cracked, or missing granules should be replaced.

Check flashing around skylights and chimneys. If repairs are needed, we strongly suggest you hire a qualified roofer to tackle this job.

## Your Spring Home Maintenance Checklist

### Tune-up Garden Tools

Don't begin your spring and summer garden to-dos with dull blades or broken equipment. Check your lawnmower's blades and clippers and sharpen them if need be.

### Clean Patio Furniture

Patio furniture should be an inviting place to sit and share with company. Scrub down your chairs, and throw your cushions or their covers into the laundry.

### Plant a Tree

Thinking of planting more shade trees in your back yard? Spring is the ideal time to tackle

this chore. Check with your local nursery for trees best suited to your micro-climate, and whatever you do, plant your trees a safe distance from your home's foundation.

### Check the Foundation

Speaking of foundations, check your sidewalks and driveway for emerging cracks or other signs of movement in the concrete.

### Clean Out the Gutters

Make sure your gutter system is free of leaves and debris and that your downspouts deposit water away from your home's foundation.



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## Go Green on St. Patrick's Day With Lemon Spinach Hummus

### Ingredients

1/4 cup tahini  
3 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice  
3 ounces baby spinach  
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley  
1 garlic clove, minced  
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 15 ounce can chickpeas (garbanzo beans) drained and rinsed  
Olive oil and fresh parsley, for garnish

### Directions

In a food processor, whip together the tahini and lemon juice until smooth and creamy. Add the spinach, parsley, garlic, olive oil and salt. Process for one minute, scraping down the sides of the bowl as necessary.

Add half of the chickpeas and process for one minute. Scrape down the sides of the bowl, add the remaining chickpeas and process until smooth, about one to two additional minutes.

Transfer the hummus to a bowl for serving. Drizzle extra olive oil on top and sprinkle with freshly chopped parsley, as desired. Serve immediately or store in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to one week.



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