

# Decorating Tips

## Your Key Design Element: Flooring

(NAPSA)—Flooring is one of the most important and long-lasting design elements homeowners must decide on.

The current trend is away from carpet and toward hardwoods and “naturals” such as stone, marble and granite, with throw rugs as accents. However, these materials can be cost prohibitive and high maintenance. One solution is luxury resilient planks and tiles, which look and feel like the materials they replicate with all the advantages of vinyl—water resistance, softness underfoot and light maintenance.

Deciding between the look of hardwood or tile is the easy part. Next, you must consider color and design. With luxury resilient planks and tiles—which all have the same thickness—you can combine the two.

“Our distributors are reporting a growing demand for custom flooring installations,” says Kathy Holdridge, director of communications for Nafco, a leading luxury resilient tile brand. “Because all Nafco tiles and planks can be mixed and matched, customers are only limited by their imaginations.”

If you're leaning toward a hardwood look, consider using one of the following unique patterns:

- **Herringbone**—Lay planks in repeating upside-down and right-side-up V patterns
- **Parquet**—Lay square sections of planks in alternate directions
- **Staggered**—Using 6-inch-wide planks, lay the end of each plank next to the middle of the one above
- **Diagonal**—Set planks in a



**To create this stunning entryway, luxury resilient planks were laid in a herringbone pattern bordered by luxury resilient tiles laid with a center “dot” accent.**

room at a 45 degree angle

If your choice is tile, consider using one of the following unique patterns:

- **Brickwork**—Stagger grout lines by laying the edge of each tile next to the middle of the tile above
- **Checkerboard**—Make a checkerboard with two complementary or contrasting colors
- **Pinwheel**—Mix two sizes of tiles
- **Tri-Colored**—Blend three complementary colors in a room

Finally, add the pièce de résistance: create a stunning entryway with an intricate pattern of woods or tiles. For more design ideas using luxury resilient planks and tiles, visit [www.nafco.com](http://www.nafco.com) or call 1-800-248-5574.