

# WHICH Carpet?

## Things to consider when selecting a carpet to suit your home and lifestyle

At Flooring Xtra we understand that choosing carpet can be confusing. Today there are so many styles, colours, and fibres to select from. Following are a few simple facts that may help you to make the right selection for you and your home.

- > No carpet is bullet proof! All carpets require regular cleaning and maintenance to keep them looking their best and to ensure longevity.
- > Quality, fibre type, weight, tightness of the stitching and pile height are all factors that will affect a carpet's performance. Generally, the heavier the weight, the better a carpet will wear.
- > Cut pile carpets offer simple elegance in a choice of either plain or two tone shades. It is important to be aware that all cut pile carpets are subject to tracking and shading.
- > Loop pile carpets offer texture and the option of multiple colours which helps hide soiling and dirt. Loop pile carpets will also track but to a lesser degree than cut pile carpets.
- > Solution dyed carpets are dyed right through like a carrot instead of a radish. If you are concerned about colour fastness, choose a solution dyed option.

## WOOL

Wool makes excellent loop, textured, twist and plush carpet. The best quality wool for carpet production tends to come from cooler climates being New Zealand or Europe. Wool has inherent fire retardant properties and is an anti-allergenic fibre. The soft look and rich feel of wool is still unmatched by any man-made fibre, and may be more affordable than you think. Wool is a luxurious fibre, renowned for its resilience, durability and long lasting appearance retention.

## SOLUTION DYED NYLON

Solution Dyed Nylon carpets offer superior fade and stain resistance. For this reason, they are a popular choice for young families and homes with pets. Solution Dyed Nylon fibre has a memory which ensures cut pile carpets hold their twist, meaning that with correct maintenance the carpet will maintain its look for longer.

## POLYPROPYLENE

Polypropylene fibre (also referred to as Olefin) is traditionally used as a loop pile carpet and is a cost effective option for those on a budget. Polypropylene fibre is generally solution dyed as it produces a better carpet in terms of colourfastness. It has good stain resistant properties but must be maintained in accordance to manufacturers guidelines. Recent years have seen the quality, durability and softness of Polypropylene improve.

## POLYESTER / P.E.T

Polyester carpet or P.E.T. carpet as it is often referred to, is a budget friendly option. It is easier to produce than other synthetic fibres, using less embodied energy, making it cost effective and eco-friendly. Polyester is often produced containing a percentage of recycled plastic (P.E.T) bottles which in turn reduces land fill. Polyester fibre is inherently stain resistant as it is a Closed Cell Fibre making it harder for a contaminant to enter the fibre and cause a stain. Advances in fibre making technology has increased the strength of polyester in recent years so the warranty periods are in many cases, equal to other synthetic fibres. Being a higher lustre yarn, colours appear richer and deeper and when they are solution dyed, they exhibit good colour-fastness.

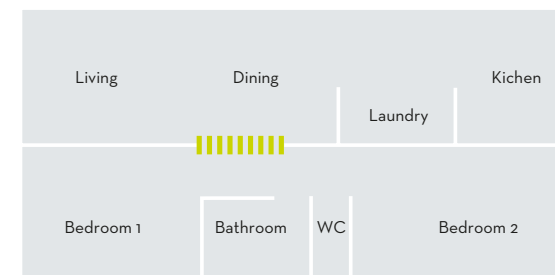
## TRIEXTA

Triexta fibre is unique in its construction, utilising the fermentation of Corn Glucose to produce the polymer-based fibre. The inclusion of Corn Glucose is more cost effective, in turn making Triexta carpet great value for money. The molecular construction of Triexta fibre results in this carpet being highly stain resistant and incredibly easy to clean and maintain. Triexta carpet is generally quite soft to touch and is incredibly strong, durable and will hold its appearance for years to come.

# WHICH Way?

- > Carpet is mostly sold in 3.66 metre widths, and occasionally 4.0 metres. If all rooms were no wider or narrower than 3.66 metres, we wouldn't need a join and there would not be any waste. This is not practical, each job has carpet off cuts (which can be turned into mats) and each installation can have the carpet running "North to South" or "East to West".
- > The way you choose to run it will affect the look and the amount of carpet you'll need to do the job. Our recommendation is to promote a best finish option with as few joins as possible, particularly with textured carpets. This tends to use a little more carpet, however, a better look is achieved. We can quote an installation that uses as little carpet as possible, but, this is not advisable as there will be more joins using this approach.
- > When you compare quotes, the difference in price may be due to less material being used and with more joins, resulting in an installation finish that is below Flooring Xtra standards. We will ask you to sign off prior to commencement to ensure you are happy with the amount of joins and where they are located.

## LESS joins BEST FINISH OPTION



## MORE joins



## PATCHWORK quilt



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