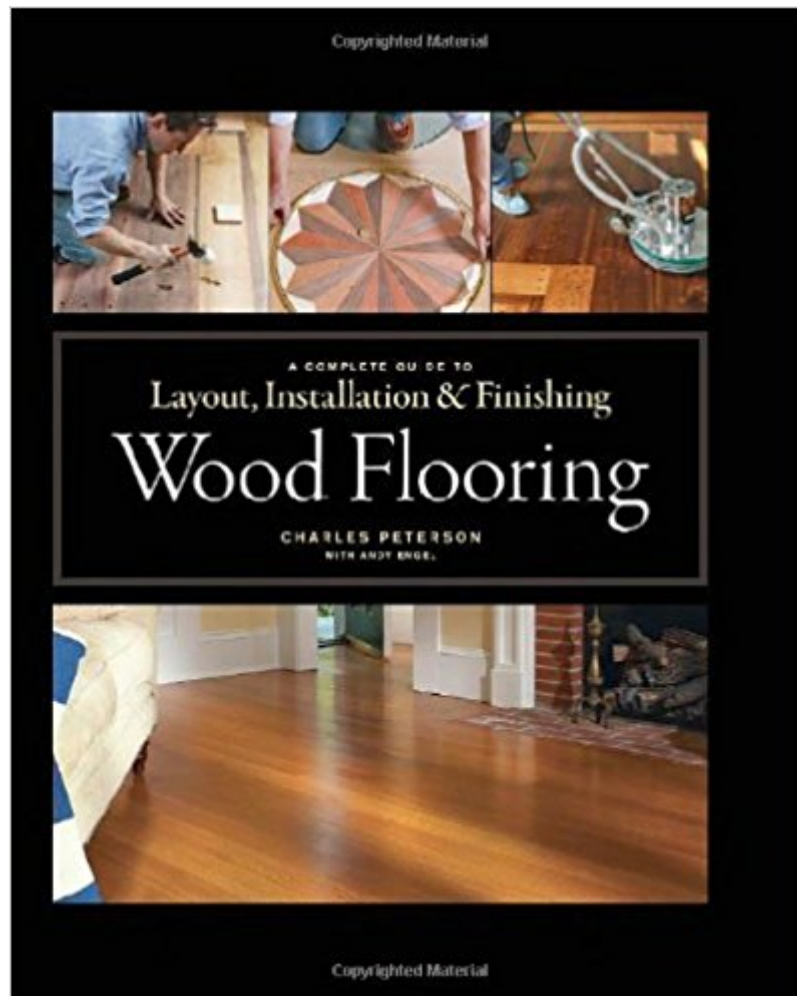




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# Wood Flooring: A Complete Guide To Layout, Installation & Finishing



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Mention hardwood floors and watch a homebuyer's eyes light up. What makes wood floors so desirable? Hardwood floors are unmatched for their beauty, durability, and ease of maintenance, so it's no surprise that the demand for hardwood has always been strong. In recent years that demand has been fueled by the availability of more types of wood, including exotic species such as Brazilian cherry, as well as engineered woods. This professional-level resource covers every aspect of installing residential wood flooring - from estimating and preparing the job site, through sanding and finishing, to repairs and maintenance. Hardwood floor expert Charles Peterson covers it all in this indispensable guide to the most popular flooring choice around.

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I bought this book to help guide me to install hardwood. While it has a lot of useful information scattered throughout, but mostly in the first 100 pages and you have to sift through those pages to get it. At page 103, the author says "Most of the chapters to come will focus on designing and installing various types of ornamental floors, while this transitional chapter provides an overview of design." So, about 1/3 of the book covers the basics of installing a typical floor, somewhat. Sometimes he goes into extreme depth, which requires you to read way more information than anyone but a homebuilder would need and there are other times he barely skims an important topic. Hopefully the author will revise the initial first chapters, especially Subfloors, for the next edition. If

you look at the 5 Star reviews youâ€™ll see that about 20 of the initial reviews were from shills, because they were posted before the book was released. Also, I think that if you donâ€™t know about wood floors at first glance this book looks great. When you start to research a project and formulate questions that pertain to your circumstances youâ€™ll begin to get a scope of understanding. Armed with that understanding this book will be seen as an incomplete guide. Beware of Internet information and reviews. Subfloors for instance, there were only three paragraphs on subfloor flatness, of which just one mentioned liquid levelers, plywood, and cedar shims without any instruction of "how to". I did use multiple plywood thicknesses on an edge of flooring that dropped 3/4" in two feet when it met the lower garage wall, because it was a deep, long, and consistent drop.

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