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Owner and lead designer of HouseLift Design, Brenda Thompson is passionate about helping people love the home they live in through beautiful, functional designs. Known for her warm and inviting style, the Marietta, Georgia-based designer has been featured on HGTV as well as various design publications including Architectural Digest.

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Terri Fiori is the principal designer of Fiori Interior Design (FID), a fullservice boutique interior design firm in Wyckoff, NJ that creates beautiful wellness environments. Their mission is to transform their clients' homes into uplifting places—where everyone, regardless of their age-functions at their highest level. As a Certified Aging in Place Specialist (CAPS), Terri and the FID team love designing for multigenerational households and empty nesters.

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Award-winning interior designers Phyllis Lui and Aleem Kassam are the principal designer duo for Kalu Interiors. For more than a decade, this Vancouver-based design firm has become known for focusing on creating thoughtfully curated interiors that enhance and inspire how you live. The firm provides bespoke design services for clientele throughout Canada.

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**REBECCA HAY** 

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Principal of Rebecca Hay Designs, Rebecca is known and celebrated for her work and appearances on various acclaimed HGTV shows. With a focus on quality and craftsmanship, Rebecca and her team design beautiful, functional spaces, creating a signature blend of traditional and contemporary interiors.

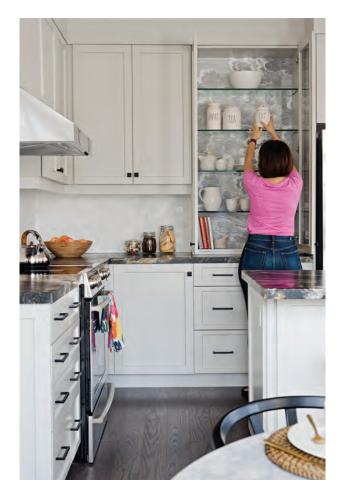
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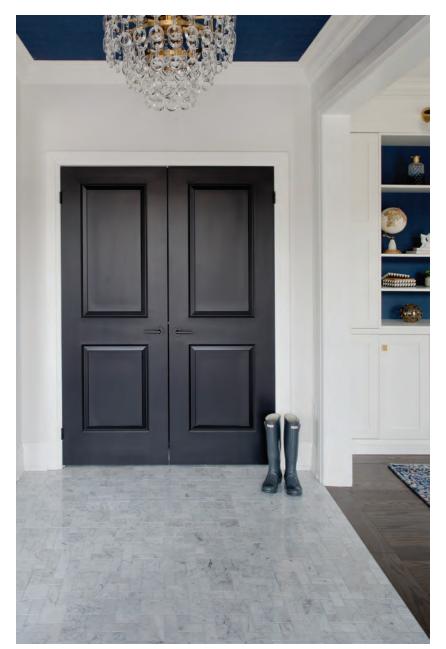
Whether you're choosing flooring for a new home or replacing your current flooring, there are many factors that play into which flooring will be best for each space. You also want to consider how the flooring throughout your home will connect. In our exclusive video interview with interior designer Rebecca Hay, we take a look at the important role flooring takes throughout the home.

To start, Hay warns that flooring, while often overlooked, should be one of the most integral elements of interior home design. When working on a whole home project, Hay takes into consideration how all the spaces in the home will be used as well as the final look she aims to achieve.

The best place to start is with the primary flooring material in the home. Many times, this is the flooring that will run throughout the main level of the home and usually includes the kitchen, living room, and dining room. Hard surface floors like hardwood, tile and luxury vinyl are often chosen for these spaces for their versatility and beauty. Hay often recommends a quality engineered hardwood. "When you have an open-concept home, it's really important that you keep that open flow," shares Hay. This shared flooring across spaces makes the whole are feel bigger.









#### **GET THE LOOK:**

Shelby Lane by Hydrotek H2O combines the unique characteristics of red and white oak with engineered waterproof technology to deliver an unparalleled hardwood floor that's fit for any room in the home. Shown in the color Cottage, a dark stain provides depth and contrast to a room's design.



## **GET THE LOOK:**

Swiss glazed porcelain by Emser Tile radiates sophisticated beauty highlighting the soft veining of natural stone.

With the main flooring chosen, Hay moves on to make smart choices for hard-wearing areas in the home. These include entryways and stairs. Depending on your environment and the amount of traffic your entryways will get from guests and family, you may want to consider a floor that is more durable than what you've chosen for the majority of your living space. When it comes to durability, tile is the undisputed winner in Hay's eyes. She often chooses a beautiful tile for entryways, knowing that it will stand up to shoes, dirt, and debris that are tracked in from outside. When it comes to stairs, Hay recommends choosing a runner to add personality and warmth.

Carpet is a favorite of Hay's when it comes to flooring for bedrooms. She knows that her clients will enjoy the softness underfoot, the noise dampening effect, and the beautiful look. She often chooses lighter colored carpets and installs them wall-to-wall to make a space feel larger.

When it comes to bathrooms, it's all about the look and feel you want to achieve. For a beautiful, sophisticated master bath, Hay recommends something like elegant marble. For kids' bathrooms or spaces where you want to show more personality, she loves to go with a porcelain tile with lots of texture and pattern.

The last piece of the whole home flooring story according to Hay is area rugs. "Area rugs define the space within the home," she shares. She has always found this step in choosing flooring exciting and loves the way a beautiful area rug can change a space. She also shares a tip for smaller spaces: "the bigger the rug, the bigger the room will feel."

For more details and tips from Rebecca Hay and to see how flooring helps create a beautiful family home, watch our exclusive video available at CarpetOne.com.



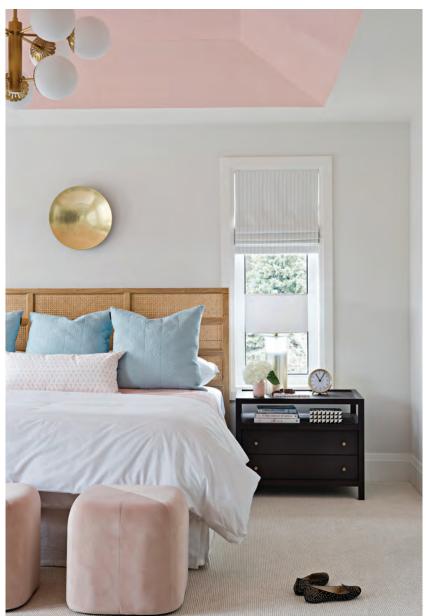
## **GET THE LOOK:**

Captured Moment in "Glazed White" by Tigressa SoftStyle is constructed with a unique fiber design that provides silky softness, protective technology, and richer color. This style is the perfect neutral backdrop for a bedroom design.



## **GET THE LOOK:**

Soujourn II in "Pearl" by Tigressa Cherish offers one-of-a-kind softness and strength with a satiny smooth feel. Its beautiful light color and subtle striations work together to help visually expand a room.















## **GET THE LOOK:**

Raindrop Stone Decorative Accents by Daltile is an elegant marble and limestone mosaic tile perfect for creating a distinguished design.

Flooring available at Carpet One Floor & Home Interior design by Rebecca Hay Designs Photography by Mike Chajecki