

VALUE GRADE COLLECTION

#1 Common Grade - Character Grade:

[#1 Common grade hardwood](#) flooring is the most popular and widely used grade in the US market. This grade of wood has more visible knots, mineral streaks, and color variations than clear or select grade, giving it a more natural and slightly rustic look. [#1 Common grade hardwoods](#) are available in both domestic and exotic species, such as red oak, white oak, and cherry. This grade is favored for its authentic, organic character that embraces the natural diversity found in real wood.

Homeowners often choose it for its ability to bring warmth, texture, and personality into a space without overwhelming it. The variation from plank to plank adds visual interest and depth, making it suitable for spaces where a welcoming, lived-in feel is desired. It's commonly used in family homes, cozy commercial spaces, and cottage-style interiors. While it doesn't offer the uniformity of Prime or Select grades, #1 Common delivers exceptional aesthetic value and durability at a more accessible price point, making it ideal for both renovations and new builds aiming for character without compromise.

#2 Common Grade - Natural Rustic Grade:

[#2 Common grade hardwood flooring](#) is the most economical option. This grade of wood has many visible knots, mineral streaks, and color variations, giving it a more rustic and casual look. #2 Common rustic grade hardwoods are available in both domestic and exotic species, such as birch, beech, and maple.

It's ideal for projects where natural charm, rugged texture, and a sense of authenticity are key design goals. Expect frequent sapwood, small splits, and checks that have been structurally sound and often filled or left as-is to enhance the rustic aesthetic. This grade is commonly used in cabins, workshops, farmhouse-inspired interiors, and other informal settings where the beauty of imperfection is celebrated. It's also a favorite among DIYers and budget-conscious homeowners looking for real wood character without the premium price tag.

Despite its affordability, [#2 Common grade flooring](#) offers the same structural integrity as higher grades, making it a practical choice for high-traffic areas or secondary spaces like basements, mudrooms, and home offices. Its individuality from board to board helps tell a visual story that's full of texture and personality.