

Area Rugs

Want to warm up a room without installing wall-to-wall carpeting? Scatter an area rug or two. Area rugs provide comfort and show off a striking floor at the same time. Choose from hard-wearing cotton braided rugs, homey rag rugs, exotic kilims and dhurries, delicate needlepoint rugs, natural-looking sisal - the choices abound. Big, beautiful Oriental rugs are perfect as living room or dining room showpieces. Place small rugs on top of carpeting as accent pieces - in front of a fireplace, for example, or in a living room conversation area.

Standard sizes for area rugs are 2 by 3 ft., 3 by 5 ft., 4 by 6 ft., 9 by 12 ft. and 12 by 15 ft. Hallway runners are 3 ft. wide and 8, 10 or 12 in. long.