

Hand-Scraped Wide Plank Hardwood Floor

The appeal of a hand-scraped hardwood floor

A hand-scraped hardwood floor adds an instant sense of character and authenticity to any room. Hand-scraped edges recreate the look of floors that were once prepared for installation by hand. With boards of different thicknesses, woodworkers would scrape the edges of each board to ease the transition from thicker boards to thinner boards.

Today, hand-scraped hardwood floors are a popular choice for [living room flooring](#) and [dining room flooring](#) for homeowners who want surfaces with a distinctive look.

At Carlisle Wide Plank Floors, our artisan craftsmen create hand-scraped wood floors from a wide variety of hardwoods and pines, including Hickory, White Oak, Red Oak, Maple, Ash and Birch. Your Carlisle wide plank specialist will work with you to select the wood, grade, color, width and other texturing techniques to create a wide plank floor that is truly one-of-a-kind.

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Need help finding the perfect Carlisle flooring for your style & space?

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Hand-scraped edges and other texture techniques

Hand-scraped edges are one of several texturing techniques that Carlisle craftsmen use to give new floors the appearance and character of floors that were fashioned generations or centuries ago.

Before machines were invented that could cut and sand boards to exact measurements, woodworkers would often smooth the edges of boards with a knife to minimize the difference between boards of different heights, easing the transition from thicker boards to thinner ones. The process creates boards with a beveled edge but also leaves scrape marks and subtle ridges in the planks that add depth and texture.

In addition to a hand-scraped wood floor, you can order your Carlisle wide plank floor with a variety of other textures.

- Our Hit or Miss technique adds to new boards the saw swirls and patterns that were commonly seen on boards cut at early sawmills.
- Our Footworn technique reproduces the subtle erosion in solid wood floors have been worn down by foot traffic, where softer grains wear away more quickly than harder grains, creating an undulating pattern in the wood.
- Our Timeworn technique recreates the worn appearance of boards that have been lived on for generations.
- Our Brushed techniques use special brushes to “un-smooth” a solid hardwood floor, giving the boards more of a worn texture.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a hand-scraped hardwood floor?

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Can hand-scraped hardwood floors be prefinished?

What is a hand-scraped hardwood floor?

A hand-scraped hardwood floor is a solid or engineered wood floor that has been textured with a knife or blade to give it the appearance of an older or antique floor. Before floorboards were milled by modern machinery, woodworkers would scrape the thicker boards to ease the transition to thinner boards. Today, craftsmen create hand-scraped edges by gently drawing a knife over each plank, beveling the edges and leaving marks that create a distinctive look.

What is the benefit of a hand-scraped hardwood floor?

Homeowners find that a hand-scraped wood floor provides a distinctive and aged appearance that adds character and authenticity to any room.

What is a distressed vs. reclaimed floor?

A distressed or textured floor is made with new floorboards that are treated to give them the appearance of planks that are centuries old or that have been worn down by generations of foot traffic. Reclaimed or [salvaged hardwood flooring](#) is made with floorboards that are pulled from older buildings often slated for demolition.

What types of wood species can be hand-scraped?

Any type of hardwood floor can be hand-scraped to give it an aged appearance. The choice often comes down to your preference for color, grain patterns and density in wood species. Hickory hand-scraped [hardwood flooring](#), for example, offers hues that range from lighter blonde to rich cocoa brown, with incredible density that resists dents and scratches. Yellow [Birch flooring](#) has grain patterns that range from subtle swirls to flame-like effects, while [natural Ash hardwood flooring](#) has a light, neutral color and a meandering grain.

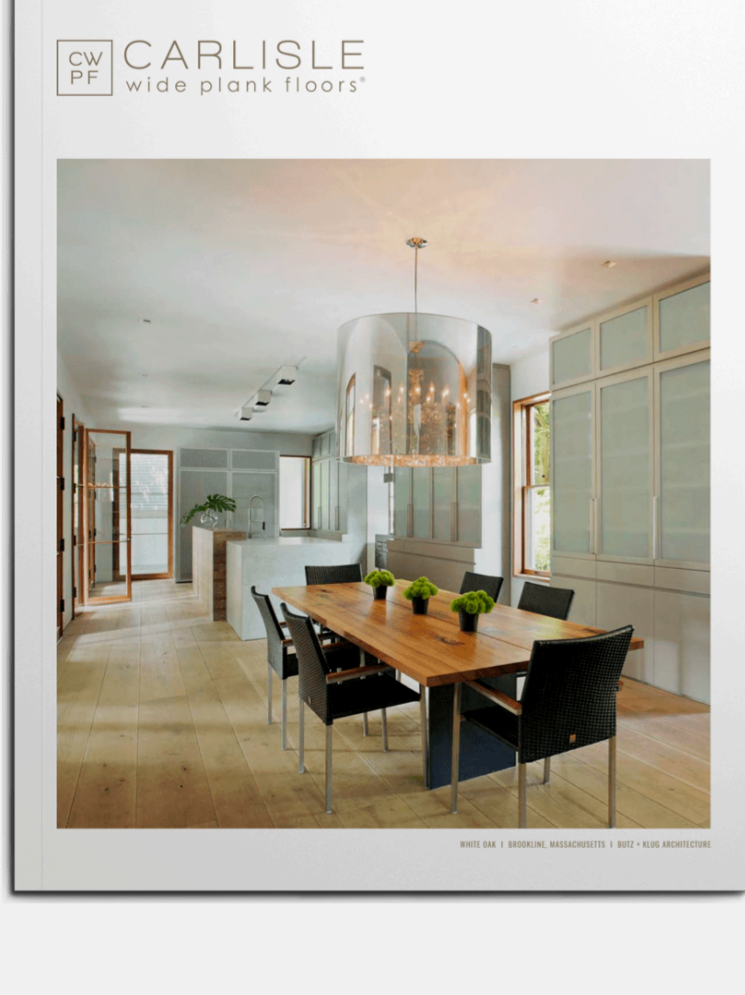
Can hand-scraped hardwood floors be prefinished?

Yes. When you order prefinished floors, we can hand-scrape the boards and sand, stain and seal them within the ideal conditions of our manufacturing facility. Your hand-scraped wood floor will arrive ready for fast installation, allowing you to skip the mess and inconvenience usually associated with sanding, staining and sealing a floor on site.



Why choose a hand-scraped hardwood floor from Carlisle?

When you come to Carlisle for a wide plank hand-scraped hardwood floor, you'll work with wide plank specialists who can guide you through every design choice to create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece that will exceed your every expectation. We've been handcrafting the finest solid wood floors in America for more than half a century. Every solid hardwood floor we create is unique – the product of the highest quality raw materials available, time-honored production processes and an exceptional level of craftsmanship from our artisan woodworkers. At Carlisle, you can be sure your hand-scraped hardwood floor will be a masterpiece in wood that is the perfect expression of your sense of style and beauty.



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