

# Hardwood Flooring Stores Announces New Hardwood Trend for 2016

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- A new trend in [hardwood flooring](#) is hand-scraped floors, according to The Hardwood Flooring Store. They originate from an old idea that has been around for generations, but is now aided by the use of machinery. Anyone looking to buy [hardwood floors](#) for their home may want to consider this trend to appeal to buyers.

For many people, they like the look of a smooth, shiny floor which features a high gloss finish to the hardwood. However, more people are looking at a style that allows the flaws to show through. Hand-scraped floors not only keep any scratches and dents in the wood, but often add to it with new marks.

Another term for hand-scraped is hand-sculptured or handcrafted. It is an old process that was used to ensure the wood was free of splinters or other roughness. The wood was smoothed by hand with a drawknife as a tool. While the surface was smooth, the scrape marks remained in the wood. Those marks added to the charm and character of the wood.

Today, this technique is still performed, but it's often accomplished with the use of a machine. Texture is added by denting, sanding and roughening the wood. The result is a distressed look which makes the floor appear older than it is.

Any type of hardwood may be used with this technique. Some of the most popular woods include oak, walnut, cherry, birch, elm, maple and hickory. Buyers can even find this look in engineered woods, bamboo and laminate floors. The hand-scraped look can be light or heavy and are found in matte or high gloss. They can even be painted for buyers who prefer a mix of modern and traditional.

According to Ron Ander of The [Hardwood Flooring Store in Toronto](#), there is a benefit to choosing this look. "Distressed floors stand up to traffic and wear and tear better than high gloss floors," he says. A little scratch or ding on the floor will meld in with the current appearance rather than standing out. Dust and dirt are less noticeable on these floors while any grooves are shallow enough to make cleaning easy.

Hand-scraped or distressed floors fit in with many design themes. They are the ideal choice for restoring homes to a historic period or for a rustic or country look. They add warmth to a contemporary home as well. The only time they might not fit in is with an ultra-modern décor or in a formal room.

Trends come and go and hand-scraped floors may be out of style in a few years. Buyers who are thinking of installing new floors should always check with local stores such as The Hardwood



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Flooring Store in Toronto to find out the latest trends. If they plan to sell their home in the next few years, they can choose a mid-tone wood with moderate distressing for a more universal appeal. Flooring experts can provide guidance on the best flooring options for a home to help add value.

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