



# Buying a carpet?

*Read this first... and take it with you*

## OUR TEN TOP TIPS TO GET IT RIGHT

- 1. Consider the room it is for – and how much wear it will receive.** A hall, stairs and landing, for example, will need a heavier wearing carpet than a bedroom.
- 2. Are there any particular fabrics or existing décor to be matched?** What are your future decorating plans? Remember to choose the carpet first and install it last!
- 3. Do you want a plain carpet, patterned carpet, one with texture or a border?** You have a large choice so experiment with colour and design.
- 4. How long do you reasonably expect your new carpet to last?** Is it a 'quick fix' or a long term purchase?
- 5. How much do you want to spend?** Don't forget to include the cost of fitting and underlay and other materials.
- 6. Get your room professionally measured.** Doing it yourself, you could order too much or too little.
- 7. Ask your retailer for a sample** to take back home to see in your own environment and in your own natural light.
- 8. Buy new underlay.** It will prolong the life of your new carpet by up to 40 per cent as well as giving added comfort.
- 9. Always have your carpet fitted professionally and always use a reputable retailer like a Registered Specialist who operates under a Consumer Code of Practice approved by the Office of Fair Trading.** Keep any surplus carpet – you never know when it will come in handy!
- 10. Buy the best carpet you can afford.** As with everything else, you get what you pay for and carpet is no exception. You should expect to pay £20m<sup>2</sup> plus underlay and fitting.

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