



How to select Oriental rugs

GETTING STARTED

On a room-by-room basis, determine the look you want to create on your budget. There is a wide variety of rugs to choose from at many price points.

DESIGN & COLOR

- / First determine the mood you want for a room, e.g. formal or casual. The design personality and color of the rug selected will create the desired feeling for the room.
- / Formal rugs can anchor a room with a calming effect.
- / Casual and fun elements are great for a family room.
- / Bold medallions make a dramatic statement.
- / Elegant fine lines and subdued colors have a quiet pleasing effect.
- / Vintage patterns are a traditional way to reminisce about their time and place.
- / Pure colors are more formal and elegant.
- / Abrash (blending of two or more colors) creates a broader color pallet and can be easier to decorate with.
- / Rug patterns can work with the existing designs and fabrics in your room.

SIZE

Big Rugs First

- / Prioritize your rug purchases according to room size and importance.
- / Each rug acquired will lessen your choices for future rug selections.
- / Accent rugs and runners are easier to co-ordinate with the main rug than vice-versa.

Room Size

- / Room layout, size & walls will limit the dimensions for a comfortable fit.

Furniture

- / A furniture setting suggests the minimum size rug that will create an island effect to visually hold the pieces together.
- / There are no rules about on or off the edges. Simply, what feels right and functions best.

Traffic

- / Foot pathways should avoid pivot points at the edges of rugs.

Template

- / Use a tarp or sheet folded to size to determine your preferred rug sizes or mark the rug size on the floor with masking tape.
- / Some areas can use a room size rug or an assortment of smaller rugs.

TYPES OF RUGS

There are three types of handmade Oriental rugs to consider purchasing:

- / Hand-knotted
- / Soumak weave
- / Flatweave

Other factors that influence price:

- / Materials - wool, cotton, silk or synthetic fibers
- / Complexity of design
- / Number of colors used
- / Dying technique (vegetable or synthetic)
- / Knot count
- / Age and condition of antique and semi-antique rugs

USE OF ROOM & RUG

- / Amount of traffic and soil
- / Are you looking for a piece of art for your floor that will last for a lifetime or a decorating accessory for the short term.

This Rug selection guide is designed to simplify your purchase of an Area or Oriental rug to make your home more beautiful.

TEXTURE

- / Handmade weavings from natural fibers make an inviting soft appeal.
- / Pattern clarity is achieved by using tight smooth finishes.
- / Tribal artifacts, pillows and tapestries can be components of a well-decorated room.

INVESTMENT

- / Area rugs are movable from room to room and house to house.
- / Quality materials and construction will insure longevity of both the look and value of a fine rug.
- / Handmade Oriental rugs will last for generations with proper care and maintenance.

COLOR SWATCHES

Bring your color swatches and fabrics with you when shopping. Also include wood stains, ceramic tiles & counter top samples. Having these samples will help guide and make you a more confident shopper.