

Hardwood Floors

Do-It-Yourself Hardwood Floor Care: Repairing, Refinishing and Installing

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Maintenance and care for hardwood floors is an easy task - even for the novice, when you want to access your local rental store. Whether you're maintaining an existing hardwood floor or thinking about refinishing an older hardwood floor, your rental center has all the tools and equipment you need to get the job done correctly, efficiently and inexpensively.



Below, you will find a series of links that will help you refinish or repair hardwood floors. Check with your local rental center to get the tools you need to get the job done right.

- **Tools & Materials Checklist:** Here's what you need for repairing, refinishing or for your complete hardwood floor project. Check with your local rental store for any items you don't already own.
- **Introduction:** Basic information about hardwood floors, safety tips, and a glossary of terms.
- **Refinishing and Repairing Your Existing Hardwood Floor I:** A Handy list of tools you will need to refinish or repair your floor, tips in calculating time and help in determining the materials you will need.
- **Refinishing and Repairing Your Existing Hardwood Floor II:** Getting Started: Preparing your floor, and repairing squeaky, warped or damaged boards.
- **Preparing the Room:** One of the most common do-it-yourself mistakes is sanding an inadequately prepared floor. Follow this link to learn how to properly prepare your floor.
- **Sanding the Floor:** Follow this link to learn how to get it done right, including sanding your floor level to within 1/8", remove all of your old stain and everything else you need to know to sand your floor properly with no headaches.
- **Applying the Stain:** Click here to learn how to make an even, brilliant and uniform stain application to your hardwood floor.
- **Applying the Protective Finish:** Seal the deal. Click here to learn how to apply a a tough, clear finish over your stained floor.

- **More Information on Repairing a Finished Hardwood Floor:** Tips and tricks on how to make repairs to common problems associated with hardwood floors.