

Rug Pads (Underlay)

Rug pads are a component of your home décor that often get overlooked. Mostly because you can't see them. But how much of a role do they play in your home? And do you need them? Originally rug pads were designed to simply add cushion and comfort to your rug. Along with this cushion and comfort they disperse the impact of foot traffic reducing the wear and tear to expensive oriental rugs.

Selecting Rug Pads for Your Home

The first step in selecting a rug pad is what purpose is it serving. Protecting the rug from the impact of foot traffic is important, but even more important is slip-fall protection. Even large area rugs with lots of furniture to anchor them down can pose a slippery threat on the corners, so it is important to have a rug pad even if your rug gets little foot traffic and doesn't necessarily slide around.

Next is determining the thickness of the pad you need to purchase. Rug pads which have more cushion are more comfortable and have more sound deadening to them along with the wear protection benefits. Though thicker pads are nice and comfortable, they don't always fit the esthetic of your rug placement style as the pad can elevate the rug. If you want to prevent slipping but don't want to see the pad or have your rug show any noticeable height change, a thin rug pad will be best suited for you. In the end, rug pad thickness is a personal preference.

Finally, you will want to decide if pet accidents are possible to happen. If they are, you will want to consider a rug pad with a moisture barrier. Not only will this protect the floor beneath your rug, but these pads are often washable. This type of pad can also be a great choice if you don't have pets as you will not have to replace your pad as often and less product ends up in the landfill.

Rug Pads: The Hidden Gem of Your Home

- Most consumers never think this hidden component of your home décor can offer such benefit. Luckily your rug care specialist is here to help you select what is right for you and cut your new pad to fit your rug.
- While the importance of protecting your fine rug with a quality pad is important, modern rug pads have evolved to provide slip-fall protection and even a moisture barrier to keep pet stain and liquid spills from reaching the floors below.
- With so many options available these days the question should not be "do I need a rug pad?" but rather what rug pad is right for my home. Each rug serves its own purpose from small entry rugs to large living room rugs.

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