

## 6 Area Rug Mistakes Almost Everyone Makes

Here's how to choose the right rug for every room.

By **Amanda Lauren** | Published on March 28, 2023



PHOTO: ONURDONGEL/GETTY IMAGES

From stepping onto a cozy area rug next to your bed first thing in the morning to lounging on a plush rug in your living room, rugs are some of the most functional pieces of decor in a home. But if they're not selected carefully, these accessories can also become a source of stress—whether it's that runner you always trip on or the one with the stain that just won't come out. Choosing the right rug will help you avoid these scenarios.

On the hunt for a new rug? Here are the most common rug mistakes to avoid, according to interior designers.

### Choosing the Wrong Material

"The biggest mistake people make when purchasing a rug is choosing rugs made with fibers that cannot be cleaned. Usually, this is a less expensive option," says Kyra Schulhof, founder of [Fayette Studio](#). "Materials like viscose and bamboo silk look beautiful at first but they are very hard to maintain." So be sure to read the label before purchasing.

### Improperly Maintaining Your Rug

Vacuuming regularly is important for keeping your rug clean. So Schulhof tells me it's crucial to choose the proper machine and setting. "Using the wrong vacuum can create pulls and wear on a rug, which people tend not to think about when purchasing a rug. We suggest light suction on all rugs and carpets to maintain them."