

Really Hot French Decorating Advice From Top Designer Charles Spada Part 2

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Spada continues to tell [Veranda](#) about the keys to great design, as he discusses flooring.....

4. Great Wood Flooring. Spada highly recommends that a great floor is the foundation on which to build a room design. Spada prefers unfinished wood floors.

Unfinished flooring often doesn't have the gloss shine that many of the finished wood floors do. When it comes to cost, unfinished hardwood flooring will be more expensive than pre-finished flooring. Factory finishes always cost less than custom requests. With un-finished flooring, the customer also has to add in the cost of the stain which can get expensive. Most customers who get un-finished flooring often choose to stain and finish the floor themselves.



In this post, [Semi Transparent](#) stains can give your floors that really rustic old world charm without losing the charm and texture of natural wood. [Bleached pine](#) also can look incredibly attractive if you are after a rustic period look.

There are so many options when it comes to choosing stains. Un-finished wood allows you the freedom to customize your floors and make them unique and personalized to your taste. [Geometric patterns](#), the look of marquetry with several different shades of stain can all be achieved with unfinished wood.

If you are one of those design savvy customers who has a particular look in mind, and doesn't want to settle for ordinary, an unfinished wood floor might be something worth paying for. Spada also recommends avoiding trendy exotic woods. His preference over the years has been the Six-inch-wide, quarter-sawn white oak planks or recycled pine floors. The old wooden floors with dings, dents and scars add warmth and a sense of history.

I think you will agree with me that this house is one of the prettiest homes that has been featured in years. The color choices are by far the most captivating in my opinion. I also admire that he chooses the best French antiques to feature in many of his homes. We hoped you enjoyed this home as much as we did!



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