



Turkish Splendour in Kenya Red from the Torbay axminster range. A traditional design in 100% British wool by Axminster Carpets Ltd. of Axminster, Devon. £41.45 sq. m.



Carpet Construction

WOVEN CARPETS

Carpets are made in one of three main ways: woven, (to produce axminster and wilton), tufted or bonded. The actual way the carpet is constructed is no indication of suitability or quality, as these depend upon many other factors such as fibre and pile density. But, as a rule of thumb, woven carpets tend to occupy the top-end of the market and often use woolrich blends. In every axminster and wilton, the pile yarn and the backing yarns are assembled at the same time.

Axminster. Available in qualities ranging from the middle to the very top, axminsters are recognisable by their intricate patterns and, as the yarn is dyed before manufacture, the design goes all the way through to the back of the carpet.

Wilton. Mainly to be found in plain broadloom carpets, either velvet or twist pile and most frequently used for wall-to-wall installations. However, wilton constructions are also available in multi-coloured rugs some of which are made with 100% wool but others use inexpensive man-made fibres which may tend to flatten with use.



Brintons Abbotsford range of tartans in eight colour and design choices including this dramatic black and white plaid. A high quality, extra heavy wear axminster woven in 80% wool 20% nylon. Around £47.50 sq m



Double Decade wilton in Cornfield for extra heavy wear with a 20 year warranty. A Wools of New Zealand quality made with 80% wool and 20% nylon in a choice of 24 colours by Cavalier. £45 sq m



Super Wyndham in Mallard. A plain velvet wilton in a hardwearing blend of 80% British wool and 20% nylon, recommended for extra heavy wear. Available in 20 colours from Victoria Carpets. £47.99 sq m

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