

Brain Dahl Customer Service

## What is the difference between linoleum and vinyl sheet flooring?

A short history of resilient floor covering may be in order. Linoleum is the original resilient sheet floor covering; patented in 1860. It was really the only resilient floor covering until sheet vinyl came into its own in the 1950's. Sheet vinyl had a number of advantages: lower cost, ease of installation, and a wide variety of patterns and styles. Vinyl soon replaced linoleum as the predominate resilient floor covering.

Linoleum was 're-introduced' less than twenty years ago and has been making strong strides in the market since. It is still made the way it was originally, with only five ingredients: linseed oil, wood flour, pine rosin, pigment dye, and jute backing. Since the color goes all the way through, a little nick or gouge is not as noticeable and can be repaired. As a green flooring solution, it is biodegradable, hypo-allergenic, warm underfoot and needs minimal care. Custom designs can be created using feature stripes, decorative borders and motif inserts.

Marmoleum is the most recognizable brand name of linoleum, manufactured by Forbo, with over 140 different colors and patterns but there are other brands as well. We would be happy to show you the different linoleums we carry and see if one will work for you. Come see us today or check out linoleum facts on our website at www.corvallisfloorcovering.com

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