

# Slate Flooring

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I am evaluating flooring and thought slate would be a good choice for heavy wear and traffic. Why dont you recommend slate in the kitchen?

Dear Darlene:

By saying slate you're saying very little "if anything at all. There are many different (and I do mean **different**) kinds of slate that span from dense and acceptable rocks, to slate that will actually fall apart under running water or turn into mud or are sensitive to acidic substances, and everything in between.

So which slate do you have in mind? (And please don't get back to me with some fancy names: they mean nothing to me. What counts its the mineralogy of the stone and many other technical factors such as density, hardness, stress point, etc.)

That was for starters.

Second, I never heard of anybody happy with a slate floor "any slate" in a kitchen. If they use the kitchen, that is.

Do you still have any wonder why I do not recommend slate?"

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Ciao and good luck,

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