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KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

- (G) = Glossary Item**
- (L) = Letter**
- (P) = Product**
- (RN) = Short Item (Restorer's Notebook, Ask OHJ, etc.)**

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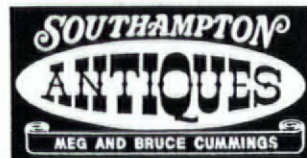
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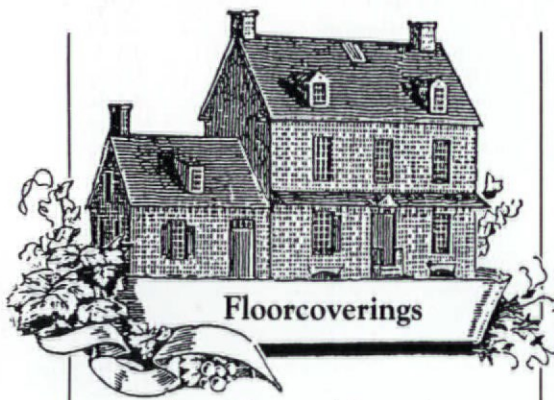
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Floorcoverings

Ever Hear of Ingrain Carpeting?

During the mid-1800s, improved weaving technology increased carpet production, and more households could afford to cover their floors. Ingrain carpeting was popular because its flat-weave (without loops or pile) made it reversible. Although less well known today, it's still being manufactured by Family Heirloom Weavers, using traditional weaving methods and designs: This 22½"-wide Victorian Rose stair runner (below) is reproduced from an 1865 pattern. The cost is \$60 per yard, including felt padding and steel stair rods. Send \$2.50 for brochure to Family Heirloom Weavers, RD #3, Box 59E, Dept. OHJ, Red Lion, PA 17356; (717) 246-2431.



Nineteenth-century ingrain carpets, such as the one shown above, had more complex and colorful designs than those of the eighteenth century.

Floor-Cloth Sources

If you'd like to own a painted floor cloth but aren't interested in making one (see "Create a Floor Cloth," p. 26), check out the hand-made floor cloths from Pemaquid Floorcloths. Their "Wreaths and Tulips" design, for instance, adapted from a late-1700s quilt, costs \$240. Pemaquid's durable floor cloths are made of heavy cotton canvas. For a catalog, send \$2 to Pemaquid Floorcloths, P.O. Box 77, Dept. OHJ, Round Pond, ME 04564; (207) 529-5633.

Good & Co. also produces many floor cloths in patterns documented from the early 1800s (see page 26). For a catalog, send \$2 to Good & Co., Floorclothmakers, Route 101, Dept. OHJ, Amherst, NH 03031; (603) 672-0490. Floorcloth Incorporated is another good source for



Floor-cloth patterns varied from geometrics to florals with fancy borders.

floor cloths in authentic patterns. For information, write to Floorcloths Incorporated, 920 Edgewater Rd., Dept. OHJ, Severna Park, MD 21146; (301) 544-0858.



Floor Finishing

Finish for Historic Floors

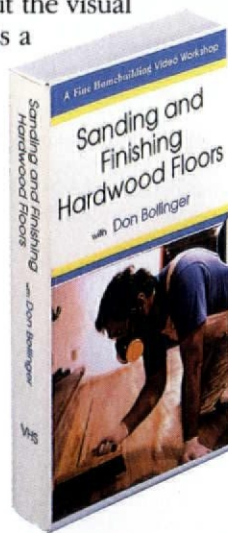
Early-19th-century homes didn't have the highly reflective floor finish produced by modern products such as polyurethane. More appropriate for historic floors is a low-gloss look, such as the one produced by Watco Wood Floor Finish. It penetrates into wood pores and then hardens, so scratches and stains are usually spot repairable, but it never results in too much shine. A gallon of Watco Wood Floor Finish (enough for approximately 250 sq. ft.) retails for \$23.99. For a list of distributors, contact Minwax Company, Inc., Dept. OHJ, Montvale, NJ 07645; (201) 391-0253.

Refinishing Hardwood Floors

Sanding and Finishing Hardwood Floors, a video by Don Bollinger, is a worthwhile investment for anyone planning to do a lot of floor refinishing. One could learn the subject

from a book, but the visual demonstration is a convincing tool. The 40-minute video is designed for sanding and finishing newly installed strip-wood floors, but many of the procedures apply to refinishing old floors. Topics include prep work, loading sanding machines, rough sanding, buffing, and creating a finish

with the Swedish product Glitsa. Available for \$19.95 from The Taunton Press, 63 S. Main St., Box 5506, Dept. OHJ, Newtown, CT 06470-5506; (800) 888-8286.



Three types of wood flooring are covered in this helpful video: strip, plank, and parquet.