

# Period House

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*Fabulous  
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Choosing carpet for  
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it's vital to consider colour and style too. It's worth splashing out on a wool or wool-mix carpet for added durability, as the hallway and stairs will see lots of traffic from family, children, pets and house guests.

### Key trends

Although the hallway is a space which will be on view to everyone entering your home, that doesn't necessarily mean that you should stick to a plain, untextured and unpatterned carpet that will remain largely unnoticeable. Mike Richardson, General Manager at Kersaint Cobb, explains: "Because hallway runners don't cover the entire floor area, you can take the opportunity to be brave by introducing colour and pattern, without the result being overbearing or too bold."

Indeed, pattern is hugely popular for this much-used space, with bold or slim stripes being a timeless choice. And to really create an entrance for guests, many homeowners embrace colour for the stairs too, with deep reds, mid-greens and strong blues being effortlessly elegant.



*"When paired with neutral walls and furnishings, a playful runner can be made into an attractive focal point in the hallway."*

Mike Richardson, General Manager at Kersaint Cobb.



**Below left** This Trellis stair runner from Lushome is 100% wool and features cut and loop pile textures. For a bespoke example, such as this, expect to pay around £100 per sq m. Tel: 020 7371 9555 or visit [www.lushome.com](http://www.lushome.com)

**Below** Broad triple stripes featuring a textured weave create an inviting feel in this elegant hallway. The Royal Dales Reno Pewter carpet, crafted from pure wool, costs £120 per m. Tel: 020 7351 2268 or visit [www.royaldales.com](http://www.royaldales.com)

**Left** A bright white scheme is the ideal backdrop to show off your new stair runner, such as this Scandi-style Snowden carpet from Alternative Flooring. Be sure to pay around £34 per sq m. Tel: 01264 335 111 or visit [www.alternativeflooring.com](http://www.alternativeflooring.com)

## THE HARD-WORKING CARPET

Rupert Anton, Marketing Director at The Carpet Foundation, focuses on hallways and stairs:

- The hallway takes a lot of traffic so you need a hard-wearing carpet for added durability.
- A wool mix is advisable for this area. Also, make sure your carpet is British made – I think Britain makes the best carpet in the world.
- You have great scope when it comes to design and colour. Consider an attractive stair runner and use the same carpet for the hall, stairs and landing to create a cohesive feel.
- Subtly patterned carpet is a practical choice as it will hide a multitude of sins.
- Loop piles (carpet that replicates the natural look of coir and sisal) is not recommended for stairs, or for homes which have cats.

For further advice on aspects of carpet choice and care, get in touch with The Carpet Foundation. Tel: 0845 601 2200 or visit [www.carpetfoundation.com](http://www.carpetfoundation.com)