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# Remodeling Options & Pricing Guide

What's possible, what it costs,  
and how to move forward -  
straight from the source.

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# Start Here

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## How This Guide Works

This guide exists so you can make real decisions before ever booking a consultation.

You'll learn:

- Common stair remodel options and which one may fit your home best
- What they typically cost (with real homeowner project examples)
- What affects pricing the most
- Answers to common questions



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Tip: Use this guide to compare options before scheduling an in-person consultation.



# Our 3 Most Common Remodel Levels

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⚠ Note: Before you begin to read, the price ranges below are based on past projects and meant to give you a realistic starting point.

Your actual cost will depend on your staircase size, material choices, and overall layout. (curved handrails are the most costly)

Some “simple” projects on large staircases **may still fall into higher price brackets — and vice versa.**



# ▲ Top Tier – Full Stair & Railing Remodel

## Includes

New treads and risers, new skirtboards, handrails, posts, and satin black iron balusters, full paint and stain work

Scope: This is your full transformation — most visible change and most detailed work.

💰 Typical Price Range: **\$16K – \$25K+**

🔧 Varies By: Size of the staircase, wood type, and post style

## Examples

A small U-shaped staircase with full hardwood, painted risers, new white oak handrails, and clean metal balusters may run around \$18K. A large multi-level staircase with premium post styles and custom layout can go over \$25K.



## ▼ Middle Tier – Railing System Upgrade

### Includes

New posts, handrails, balusters — no tread or riser work

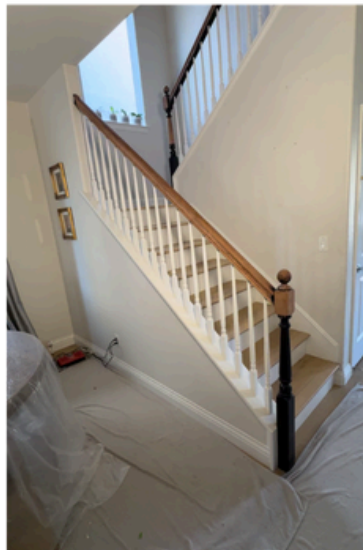
Scope: A big visual impact for homes, the ideal options if the steps are already upgraded or staying as is.

💰 Typical Price Range: **\$8K – \$15K+**

🔧 Varies By: Length of railing runs, landing size, post choice

### Examples

Example: A mid-size straight stair with one balcony rail might be \$9K–\$10K. A larger staircase or long catwalk with multiple flights can reach \$13K–\$15K. Large open staircases with multiple railing sections, long balcony runs, or a high number of posts and balusters may price higher than this range, even without tread or riser work.



[before]



[after]



# ▲ Entry Tier – Baluster Swap & Rail Refresh

## Includes

Swap out existing balusters, optional handrail refinishing

Scope: Keeps posts and layout. Great for modernizing on a budget.

💰 Typical Price Range: **\$2.5K – \$7.5K+**

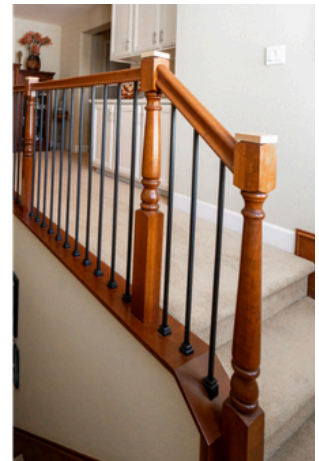
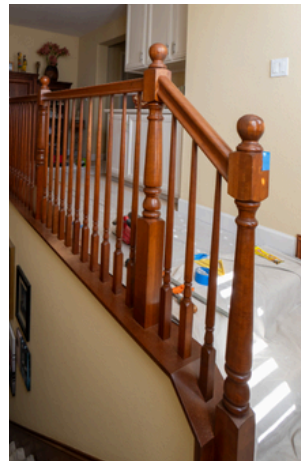
🔧 Varies By: Staircase size and whether handrail refinish is included

## Examples

Example: A staircase with around 42 balusters might cost around \$2.5k. A medium staircase with about 70 balusters and full rail refinishing could hit \$5K–\$7.5K.



Top of post transformations  
now available





# What we DON'T do



- **X** No Glass Railings
- **X** No Full Metal Railing Systems
- **X** No Stair Direction Changes

Feel free to reach out if you're unsure  
— we're happy to help!

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# Client Examples

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We've put together some examples of recent projects — each with pricing, materials used, and before/after summaries

These are great for seeing the cost of projects that were tailored to fit the needs of the homeowners



# Complete stair and railing remodel

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## \$20.5k

### Materials Used:

- laminate treads on stair and white oak hard wood landing treads upstairs
- White-painted risers and skirt boards
- Detailed posts and modern handrails (white oak wood, stained to match flooring)
- 1/2" black iron balusters

**Design Goal:** Full replacement of all components to match upgraded home finishes

**Timeline:** 12 days

**Good Fit For:** Homeowners doing a larger home remodel or seeking a high-end, cohesive staircase design



[before]



[after]



# Curved Staircase – Hardwood Treads & Railing Update

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## \$17.5k

### Materials Used:

- Custom white oak hardwood treads (fabricated for curved steps)
- Custom stain for a contrasting, modern finish
- Existing curved handrail sanded, refinished, resused and painted black
- New squared posts for a more modern profile
- Oil-rubbed bronze balusters

**Design Goal:** Modernize a curved staircase while replacing carpet and maintaining the existing railing layout.

**Timeline:** 12 days

**Good Fit For:** Homes who wants to update their curved staircases



# Full Railing Replacement

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## \$13k

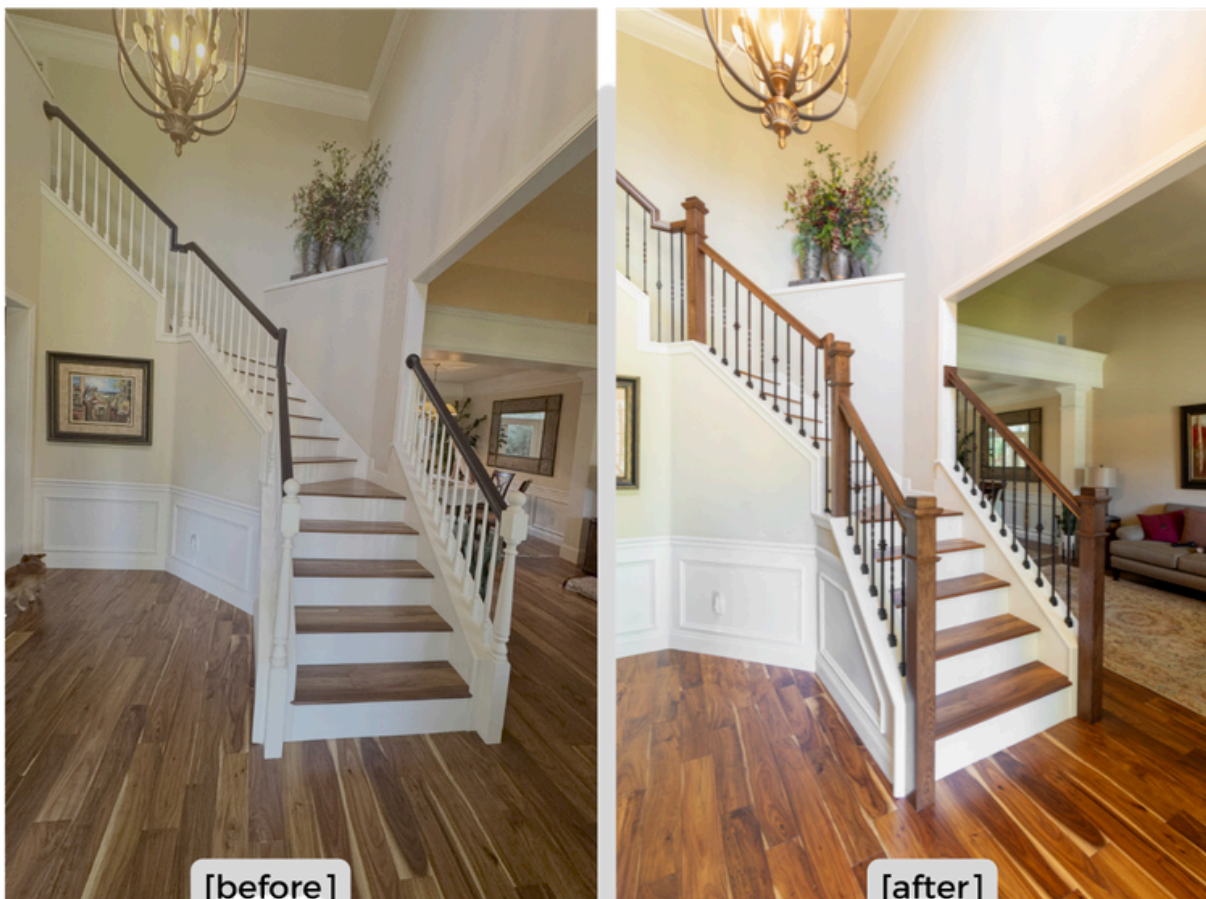
### Materials Used:

- white oak box newel posts and white oak handrails
- custom stained color to match floor
- 1/2" oil rubbed bronze iron balusters (detailed style)

**Design Goal:** Full replacement of railings to match upgraded home elegant finishes

**Timeline:** 8 days

**Good Fit For:** Homeowners who already upgraded their flooring/steps and want new railings to match their floor



# Railing upgrade + pony wall removal

**\$9k**

**Materials Used:**

- Pony wall replaced with open railing layout
- New stained red oak posts, handrails and wall caps

**Design Goal:** Open up the space, remove builder grade elements, and modernize with clean lines

**Timeline:** 6 - 7 days

**Good Fit For:** Homeowners ready to open up boxed-in stairs or update mid-2000s architecture



# Baluster swap & handrail refinish

**\$7k**

**Materials Used:**

- Existing posts reused
- satin black iron black iron balusters (twist pattern)
- Red oak handrail sanded and painted black

**Design Goal:** Modernize the stair railing without replacing the structure

**Timeline:** 4 - 5 days

**Good Fit For:** Homeowners who want a cost-effective visual update



# Carpet Replacement Using Client-Supplied Flooring

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**\$3.3k** (Labor-focused installation; materials provided by homeowner)

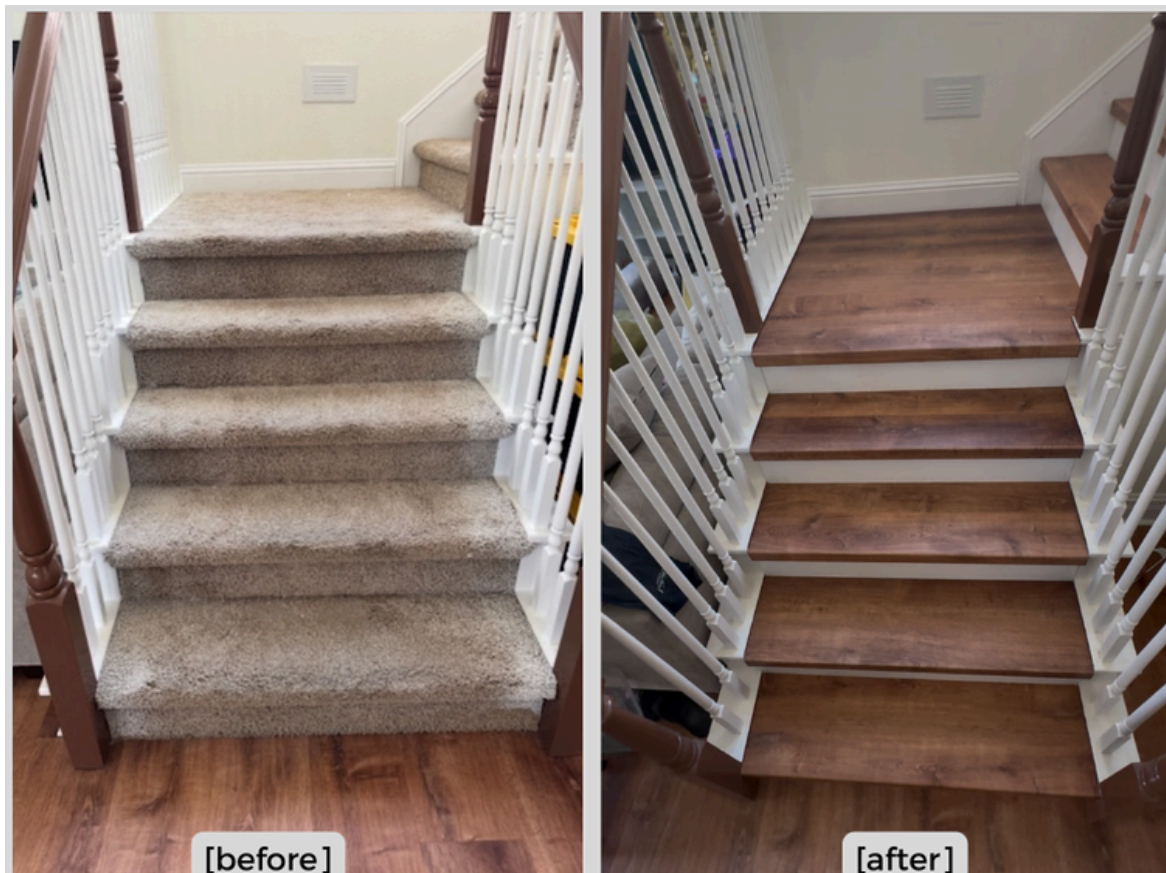
**Materials Used:**

- Client-supplied flooring + matching stair nosing (14 steps & 2 landings)
- Adhesives/consumables provided by Alamo Stairs

**Design Goal:** Replace carpeted stairs with a clean, matching hard-surface finish without changing the existing railing system.

**Timeline:** 1 - 2 days

**Good Fit For:** Homeowners who want to replace their carpet with wood, using materials they've already selected or purchased.



# What Affects Cost The Most

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Pricing depends on site conditions, materials, and finish work. Here's what usually makes the difference:

## Post Style

On larger staircases with multiple posts, the size and style of each post can impact overall cost. Larger, chunkier, or more detailed posts add material installation, and finishing time compared to simpler designs.

## Finish Level

The number of colors or tones, along with required surface prep, directly affects labor time. Single-color finishes are the most efficient, while two- or multi-tone designs, stain work, and refinishing existing components require additional prep and detail work.

## Materials

The materials selected — such as tread type, posts, handrails, and balusters — can vary widely in cost depending on species, profile, and availability. Higher-end or custom materials typically require more handling, fitting, and finish work, which can increase overall project cost.



# FAQ 1 - Material Choice

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## What's better for stairs — hardwood treads or LVP/laminate?

Material	Recommended Use	Why
Hardwood Treads	✔ Best high-end, long-term options	One solid piece of real wood that can be shaped, sanded, and refinished. Built to handle decades of traffic and delivers a timeless, upscale look.
LVP or Laminate	💡 Practical, durable, and great for matching floors	Excellent for exact color matching and very resistant to scratches, dents, and pet wear. A good low-maintenance choice when appearance consistency is the priority.

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💬 **Pro Tip:** Both options work—it just depends on what matters most to you: **luxury look & longevity (hardwood)** or **easy maintenance & perfect floor matching (LVP/laminate)**.

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### Curved Staircases

Curved stairs always **require hardwood treads**. Hardwood can be templated and custom-shaped to follow the curve of your staircase. LVP and laminate planks are straight and cannot be bent or formed to match a curve without breaking.



## FAQ 2 –

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# I've already purchased LVP or laminate flooring. Can I use it for my stairs?

Often yes — *as long as your flooring line offers a stair-nosing piece.*

Most brands sell either a flush stair nose or an overlap stair nose made for your exact color and style.

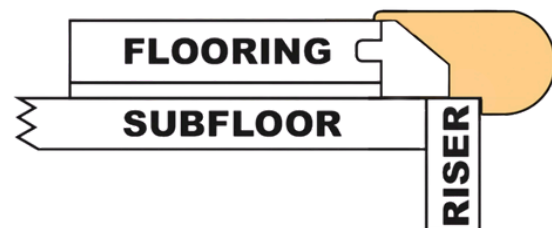
### Types of Stair Noses

- **Flush stair noses** give the most solid, seamless finish and are our preferred option when your flooring line offers one.
- **Overlap stair noses** do work and are common in some flooring lines, but they can flex a little more, eventually break and feel less solid underfoot. We don't recommend these unless there is no other nosing available and make sure expectations are clear.

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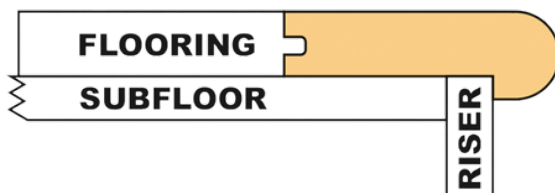
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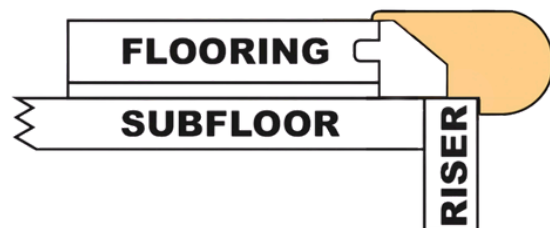
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## FAQ 2 –

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### Newer vs Older Flooring Lines

- Newer floors → usually have matching stair noses available.
- Older/discontinued floors → check if stair noses are still made or in stock, or if you have enough leftover material.

### When Your Flooring Line Can't Be Used on Stairs

Occasionally a flooring product doesn't offer any stair-nose option in the style or color you've purchased.

In that case, hardwood treads or stair-specific components are the better long-term choice.

Plank Length:

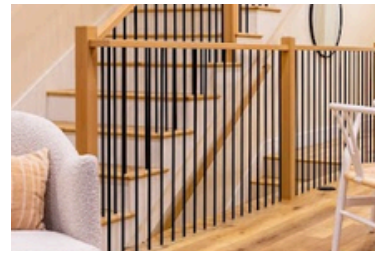
It's rare, but make sure one plank is long enough to cover the step from left to right. Most modern planks are long enough—this is just a quick detail to double-check if your stairs are wider.

this is a photo of a flush nosing (6 ¼ ") installation with the homeowners new luxury vinyl plank floor



# FAQ 3 -Remodeling my house..

## Should I install my railings or floors first?



It depends what material you plan to install on your floor/steps

Material	Recommended	Why
Lvp or laminate	✅ Railings first	Floating floors can crack if newel posts are tightened on top. Posts should anchor directly to the subfloor.
Solid Hardwood or Engineered Wood	⚖️ Either order works	These materials are dense and stable enough to handle post anchoring without damage.

**Pro Tip:** Every home project and layout is a bit different. The ideal order can vary depending on your specific setup.



# FAQ 4

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## Can the new stairs/railings match the color of my floor?

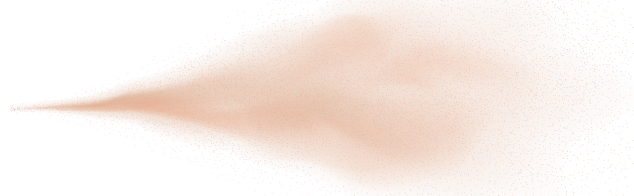
Yes — we can get close to your existing floor color so that everything looks natural and cohesive.

On average, the match is around 80% accurate, which is close enough that most people can't see a clear difference once the project is complete. The exact result depends on the material we're matching to.

If your floor is solid wood or engineered wood, we can achieve about a 90% match, since the materials absorb stain similarly. With LVP or laminate floors, the best possible match is closer to 80%, because those surfaces are printed patterns rather than real wood grain.



We also create a few stain samples on site so you can compare tones and choose the one that feels like the best fit before we begin staining.






# Ready to Reach Out?

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If this guide helped you understand what you want, here's the best way to move forward:

## 1. Fill Out Our Contact Form (if you haven't already)

Go to [alamostairs.com/contact](https://alamostairs.com/contact) and fill out the form. You'll be able to include:

-  Photos of your existing stairs (and surrounding area)
-  Notes or photos about what style or designs you're interested in
-  Your address

Once we have the info listed , we'll reply with a ballpark quote or follow up with any quick clarifying questions.

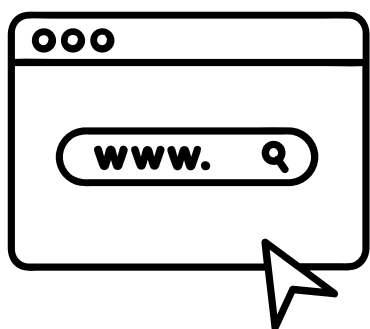
If it's a good fit, we'll walk you through the next step to book an in person consultation for free.



# About Us

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for more photos of previous projects or to read our 5 star reviews, check us out at [alamostairs.com](http://alamostairs.com)!



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# Baluster swap & handrail refinish

**\$7.6k**

## Materials Used:

- replaced existing post with new one
- Replaced balusters with matte black iron
- Sanded and painted red oak handrail in a solid paint color.

**Design Goal:** Keep costs down while removing dated wood spindles and blending better with new home decor

**Timeline:** 4-5 days

**Good Fit For:** Families looking for a quick update without major construction



# What They're Saying

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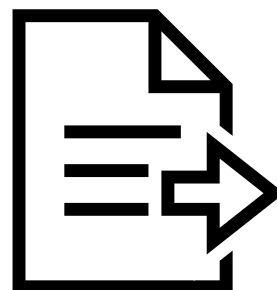


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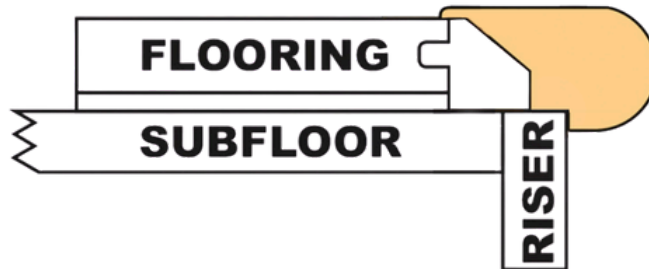
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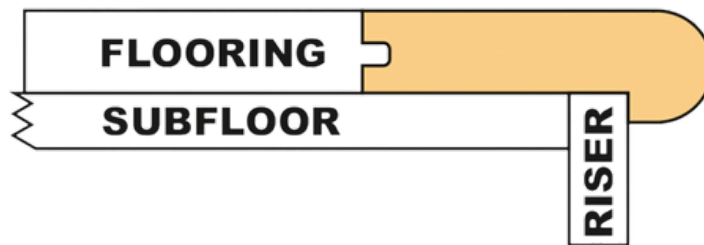
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## OVERLAP STAIRNOSE



## FLUSH STAIRNOSE



## Full Tread

