

CASE STUDY



PROJECT NAME

Carilion Giles Community Hospital

PROJECT LOCATION

Pearisburg, Virginia

DESIGN FIRM

Carilion Design Group

PRODUCTS SPECIFIED

InGrained Columbia Cherry

InGrained Heritage Maple

HardCore Ornamental Khaki

TOTAL AMOUNT

40,000 Square Feet

Parterre Flooring is Natural Choice for Carilion Giles Community Hospital

Sometimes the beauty of nature can captivate you in the most unlikely places. That's the case with the Carilion Giles Community Hospital in Pearisburg, Virginia, where critical care is set against the backdrop of spectacular views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. The beauty of the scenery is reflected in the design and environmental responsibility of this 25-bed hospital, right down to the flooring used.

In keeping with the serene, hospitality look of the facility, which opened in May 2010, Parterre's luxury vinyl flooring was used in several key areas. InGrained Columbia Cherry and Heritage Maple were selected for public corridors and the patient wing, while HardCore Ornamental Khaki was used in the cafeteria and clinical spaces such as physical therapy, respiratory and imaging services.

EXCEPTIONAL
DESIGN



"The selection of Parterre Flooring was a combination of both design and function, as well as affordable cost," says Sarah Rash, lead designer with Carilion Design Group. "Our focus was on creating a peaceful and inviting environment since evidence shows it allows for faster healing for patients and reduced stress for employees. Parterre flooring offered a very soothing feel, and the soft khaki greens of the stone tile provided a natural look that's similar to the incredible views seen from the hospital windows."

In fact, Parterre products, including wood plank and stone tile, are designed to authentically replicate the beauty of nature. The combination of texture and color creates a complex, layered effect that mirrors surfaces found in natural settings.

But the flooring at Carilion Giles had to do more than just look great. It also needed to meet some major performance and environmental demands. "The flooring had to be easy to maintain, especially in the clinical areas where the stone tile was used," says Rash. "To avoid slips and falls, the flooring could not be completely smooth, but it had to be easy to mop and buff. The texture and monolithic pattern of the Parterre stone tiles help hide seams and soiling. We were also able to support environmental objectives by using non-wax products that help the facility reduce the amount of water used in cleaning the floor."

With all the practicality of vinyl, Parterre flooring requires minimal and routine maintenance to protect its original "like-new" appearance and high-performance characteristics. When installed correctly, a vinyl floor can last up to 25 years, standing up to the most aggressive wear and tear. Parterre products are constructed with a heavy-duty, high-density clear wear-layer that makes the flooring extremely durable and long-lasting. A high-performance polyurethane top-coat is then applied to the wear-layer to allow for easier maintenance and resistance to soil, staining and scuffing.

DURABILITY



DESIGN & FUNCTION



“We also liked that the Parterre flooring is easy to repair, if needed, by simply pulling up one strip of the plank or one tile and replacing it with a new piece,” adds Rash. “From the specifying process, through to installation and now maintenance, Parterre Flooring has really worked out well for the Giles Hospital.”

When exceptional design and durability come together in a flooring, it's truly a thing of beauty. At Carilion Giles Community Hospital, the serenity of nature is reflected in the Parterre flooring, but most importantly it contributes to the soothing, stress-free environment created for both patients and staff.

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