



The Ultimate Florida Home Covering Checklist

Expertise & Innovation for the Modern Coastal Home

Before you finalize your renovation plans, use this checklist to ensure your coverings are designed to thrive in the Southwest Florida climate.

1. The Layout & Flow (The "Seamless" Factor)

- Indoor-Outdoor Continuity:** Have I selected a tile that is available in both an indoor and outdoor finish to create a seamless flow to the lanai?
- Scale & Size:** For large open areas, am I using large-format porcelain (at least 24x48) to minimize grout lines and maximize space?
- Directional Check:** Have I determined the "sightline" from the front door to the Gulf/Pool to ensure tiles are laid in the direction that draws the eye outward?

2. The Florida Environmental Test

- The Sun Glare Check:** If the room has western exposure or large windows, have I opted for a honed or matte finish instead of high-gloss?
- The Humidity Barrier:** For bathrooms and entryways, am I using moisture-resistant vinyl or treated grasscloth rather than standard paper?
- Thermal Comfort:** Have I considered natural stone (like Travertine) for areas where barefoot comfort and cool temperatures are a priority?

3. Safety & Performance

- Slip Resistance:** Does my bathroom or mudroom tile have a certified "Grip" or "Anti-slip" rating for safety when wet?
- Durability Rating:** Is the porcelain rated for high-traffic areas (PEI 4 or 5) to withstand Florida sand and pet claws?
- Maintenance Reality:** For high-use walls, have I considered a porcelain slab back-splash instead of porous natural marble to prevent staining?

4. The Artisan Finishing Touches

- Grout Color Matching:** Have I requested a grout sample to match the darkest vein of the tile for a seamless "slab" look?
- Biophilic Accents:** Is there a powder room or laundry area where I can incorporate a tropical wall mural to bring the "City of Palms" aesthetic inside?
- Texture Layering:** Have I balanced flat surfaces with textured wallcoverings to add depth and warmth to the room?

Pro-Tip for Artisan Clients:

"Bring the Light with You." When you visit our Fort Myers showroom, bring photos of your space at different times of the day. This helps us recommend the perfect finish to handle the Florida sun!

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