

**carpet**

1. ['kɑ:pɪt] *n*

1. ковёр  
runner carpet - ковровая дорожка  
magic carpet - ковёр-самолёт
2. *спец.* покрытие, одежда (дороги)  
carpet coat /veneeʃ - защитный слой (дорожного покрытия)
3. *вор. жарг.* три месяца тюрьмы
4. *церк.* покров; пелена (напрестольная)  
◇ red carpet - торжественная встреча  
to roll out the red carpet for smb. - принять кого-л. с почётом  
to be on the carpet - а) обсуждаться, рассматриваться (о *вопросе*); быть предметом разговора; б) получить нагоняй  
this is the second time he has been on the carpet - ему уже дважды попало  
to step off the carpet - *амер.* вступить в брак  
to sweep smth. under the carpet - скрывать что-л.; не признаваться в чём-л. (*неприятном и т. п.*)

2. ['kɑ:pɪt] *v*

1. 1) устилать, покрывать коврами
- 2) *pass* устилать (*цветами и т. п.*)
2. *дор.* покрывать тонким слоем (*битума и т. п.*)
3. *разг.* вызывать и делать выговор, замечание; дать нагоняй  
why were they carpeted? - за что им попало?

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**car-pet** [carpet carpets carpeted carpeting] *noun, verb* BrE ['kɑ:pɪt] NAmE

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*noun*

1. **uncountable** a thick ↑woven material made of wool, etc. for covering floors or stairs  
• a roll of carpet
2. **countable** a piece of **carpet** used as a floor covering, especially when shaped to fit a room  
• to lay a carpet  
• a bedroom carpet  
• (BrE) We have **fitted carpets** (= carpets from wall to wall) in our house.



**see also** ↑carpeting, ↑red carpet, ↑rug

3. **countable** ~ (of sth) (*literary*) a thick layer of sth on the ground  
• a carpet of snow

**more at** sweep sth under the carpet **at** ↑sweep *v.*

Word Origin:

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Example Bank:

- I'm having the carpets fitted today.
- The cat curled up on the carpet.
- The grey vinyl floor gave way to carpet tiles.
- The leaves formed a carpet under the trees.
- They rolled out the red carpet for the visitors.
- a deep carpet of snow

Idiom: ↑on the carpet

**verb usually passive**

1. ~ **sth** to cover the floor of a room with a carpet  
• The hall was carpeted in blue.
2. ~ **sth (with/in sth)** (*literary*) to cover sth with a thick layer of sth  
• The forest floor was carpeted with wild flowers.
3. ~ **sb** (*informal, especially BrE*) to speak angrily to sb because they have done sth wrong

**Syn:** ↑reprimand

- Senior officials were carpeted for leaking information to the press.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	carpet
	BrE / 'kɑ:pɪt/
	NAmE / 'kɑ:rpi:t/
he / she / it	carpets
	BrE / 'kɑ:pɪts/
	NAmE / 'kɑ:rpi:ts/
past simple, past participle	carpeted
	BrE / 'kɑ:pɪtɪd/
	NAmE / 'kɑ:rpi:tɪd/
-ing form	carpeting
	BrE / 'kɑ:pɪtɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'kɑ:rpi:tɪŋ/

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: *carpite*, from Old Italian *carpita*, from *carpire* 'to pull out']

1. [uncountable and countable] heavy woven material for covering floors or stairs, or a piece of this material ⇒ **carpeting**, **rug**:

My bedroom carpet is green.

All the rooms had fitted carpets (=carpets cut to fit the shape of the rooms).

2. **a carpet of something** *literary* a thick layer of something on the ground:

a carpet of flowers

3. **be/get called on the carpet** *American English informal* to be criticized by someone in authority because you have done something wrong:

He was called on the carpet by his boss to explain his excessive spending.

⇒ ↑magic carpet, ⇒ sweep/brush something under the carpet at ↑sweep<sup>1</sup>(15)

COLLOCATIONS

■ **ADJECTIVES/NOUN + carpet**

▪ **a bedroom/living-room etc carpet** The bedroom carpet was cream.

▪ **a stair carpet** We need a new stair carpet.

▪ **a fitted carpet** (=cut to fit a room, and fixed to the floor) Do you prefer rugs or a fitted carpet?

▪ **a wall-to-wall carpet** (=a fitted carpet) Every room in the house had thick wall-to-wall carpets.

▪ **a plush carpet** (=thick and soft) I love hotels with plush carpets.

▪ **thick** The thick carpet felt warm under her feet.

▪ **threadbare/worn** (=very thin and in bad condition) It was a dingy room with a threadbare carpet.

■ **verbs**

▪ **fit/lay a carpet** (=cut it to fit a room and fix it to the floor) Will it cost extra to have the carpet fitted?

II. **carpet**<sup>2</sup> **BrE** " **AmE** " **verb** [transitive]

1. [usually passive] to cover a floor with carpet:

The building has been carpeted throughout.

2. [usually passive] *especially British English informal* to talk in an angry way to someone because they have done something wrong

**carpet somebody for something**

Top officers were carpeted for bullying younger officers.

3. *literary* if leaves, flowers etc carpet the ground, they cover it in a thick layer

**be carpeted with something**

The whole garden was carpeted with daffodils.

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carpeting <sup>860</sup>

carpets <sup>1206</sup>

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