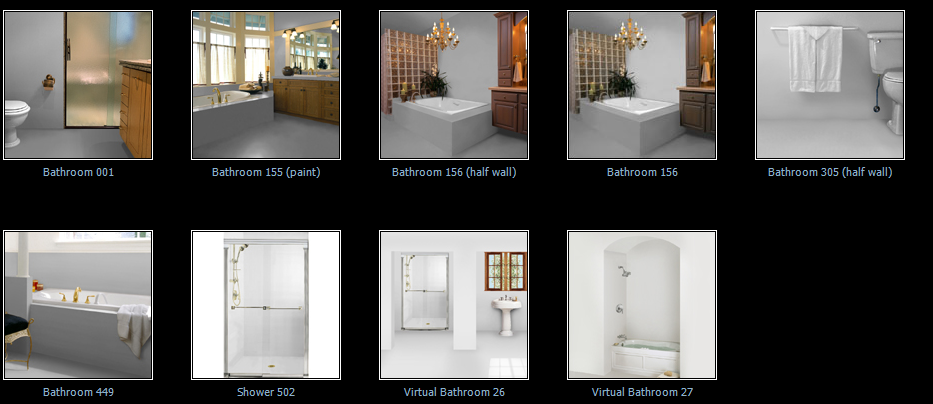
**Beginning Your Design**

**To Start with a Stock Room**

 Click on the “room type” you want to use for your design. Then pick a room from the thumbnails



**To Start with a DIY Room (Customer’s Room)**

First Step Taking the Picture:

Taking the picture:

1. Are you doing a border?…if so see [border tips](#bordertips)

2. Is there enough light (needs to be well lit)?

4. Have the template as close to you as possible (with it still included in pic)

5. Try to have the back wall straight in the pic (rather than having to adjoining walls)

6. Use a bigger/more visible/more 3-D template makes life easier

* A light Karndean or VCT Tile is great-front for dark floors, back for light
* Make sure to enter the correct dimensions



Border Tips:

It is always best to attempt to make your room picture as much like a completed square or rectangle as possible (hallways and odd shapes tend to cause the visualize to over-pixelate as it cannot get a gauge on the size of the room. This is especially true in rooms where you are trying to place a border. The visualizer will attempt to place area rug borders in what it sees as the middle of the room… If it is a square room, that will look roughly like this:



If it is an odd shaped room, the visualizer will likely place the border at the centerpoint between the two furthest points in the room.



How much of the room to include:

A great quick way to show visualization is to pick a small section of the room, rather than tackling the whole room. If you

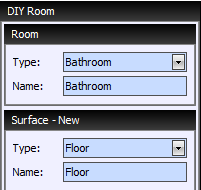
are just looking to show basic products, this tactic makes it easy to mask and still gives great results:



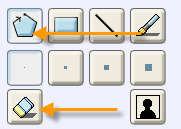
**Masking A DIY Room**



* After having taken your pictures and transferred it from your camera to your PC. Click on “New” to add a new room. Then select the picture you want to upload to the program for designing.



* On the top lefthand side of the screen after you see your picture loaded and ready to mask, select the Room Type and the Surface.

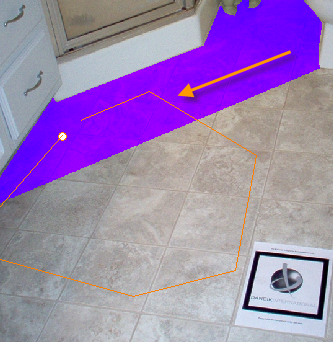


* From there just doublecheck that the polygon tool is selected (depressed) and that the eraser is not

You are now ready to start masking out the area that will be floor…

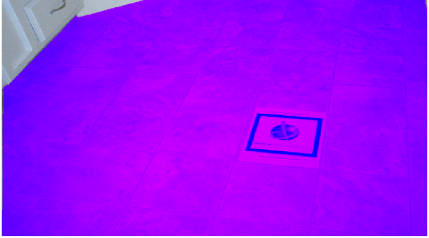


* Start in one corner and “trace” the perimeter of the area that you are masking until you get back to your starting poin.
* You can use your mouse wheel (roll in and out) to zoom in and out on the picture to get to more detailed areas
  + If you hold the spacebar down while also holding your left mouse key down and dragging you can move the picture around if parts of it are out of frame



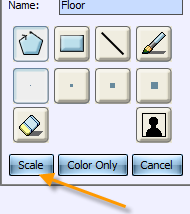
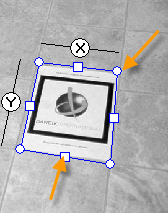
Note: You can create multiple “polygons” on the same floor area (and overlap them) and the program will combine them…see example.

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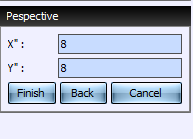


Once you have completed your polygons and the floor area is all purple you are now ready to scale the room

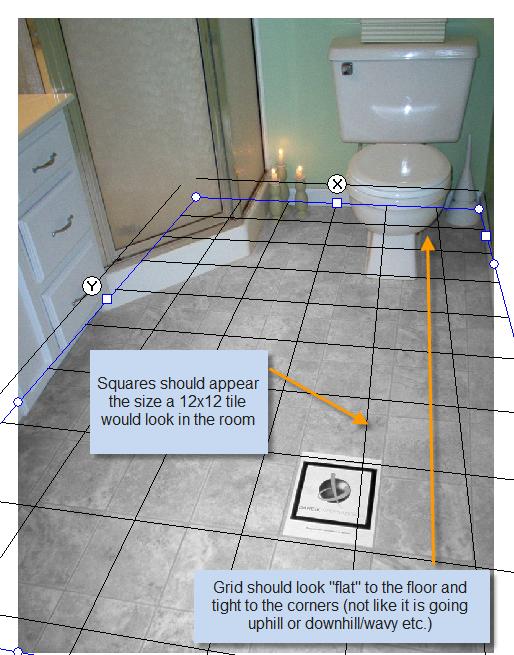
**Note: Aside from taking a good picture this is the most important factor in creating a good looking visualization**



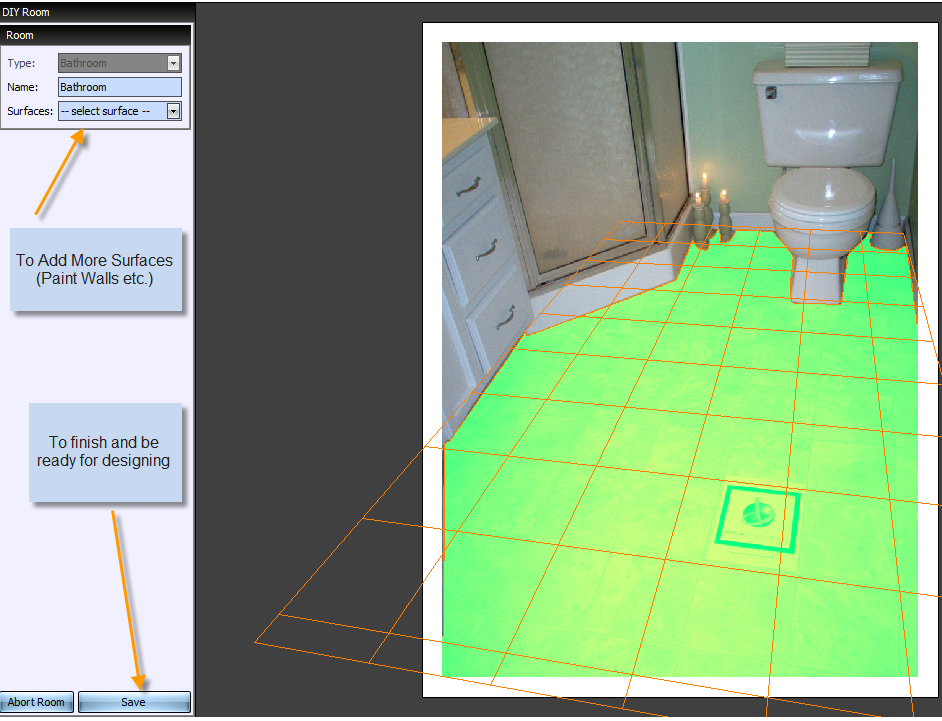
* Click on “Scale”
* Drag the blue box around your scaling device
  + Use the circles (corners) to move just one corner of the square
  + Use the Squares to drag the entire side
* ***Zoom in to make sure you have placed the box as accurately as possible!***



* Enter in the dimensions of the X and Y axis in inches
* Click Finish
* Read the Message on the Screen, then drag it out of the way…
  + Very important that the grid looks right in the room

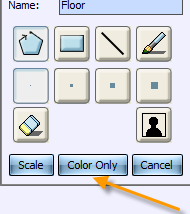


**If grid looks good you can save and continue. If not click back and adjust your box around the scaling device (do this as many times as it takes to get the grid to look good!)**



After accepting your grid you will have the ability to either add more surfaces by selecting from the drop down list or “Save” which will move you to the design step.

Note on adding new surfaces:

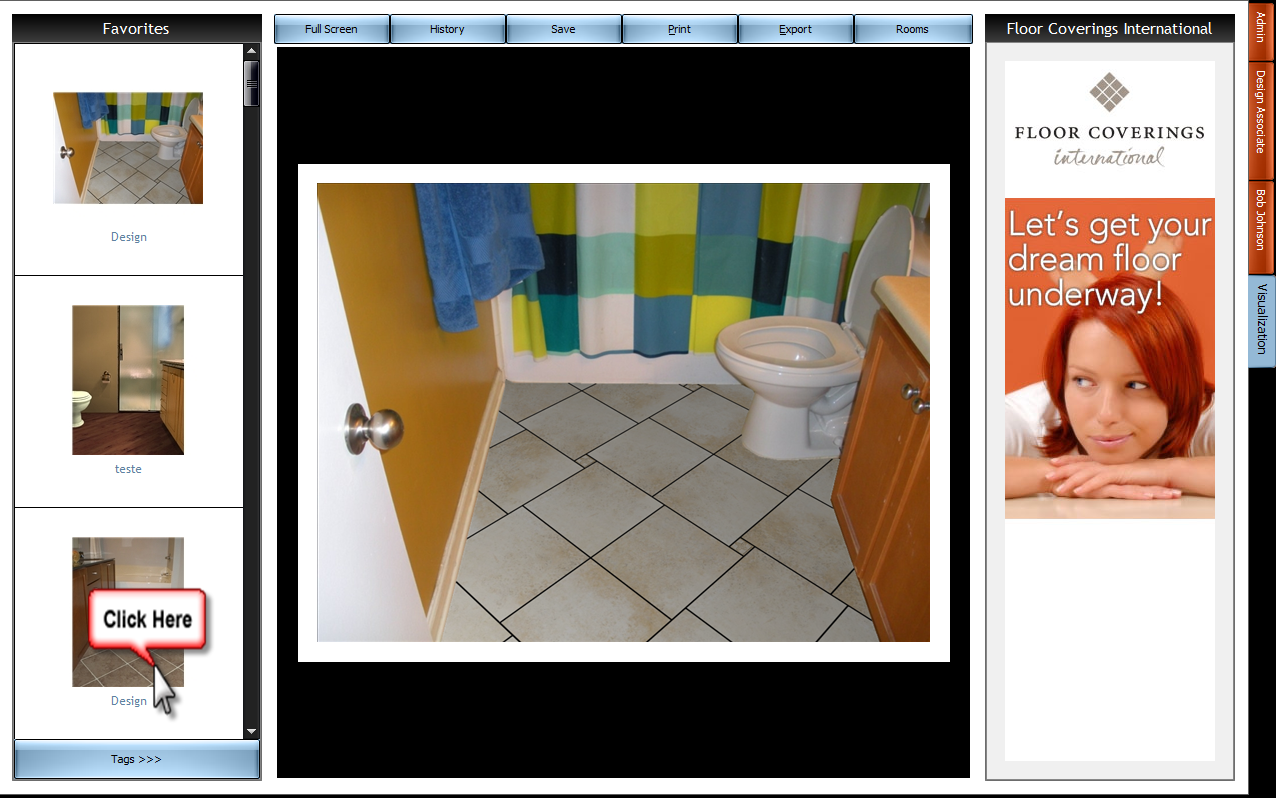
* Painted surfaces do not require a scaling device and you do not need to mask around doorknob, corners etc. as the system leaves those in the image.
  + For those items, rather than clicking “scale” you will click color only
  + Note if you select the same surface type (eg; wall) for two areas when you are designing, it will apply the same product (eg; paint color).
* Any “product” that you are going to put on a surface would need its own scaling device (eg; to put tile on a wall, you would need a separate scaling device on the wall)

Once you have saved…

To start a design…

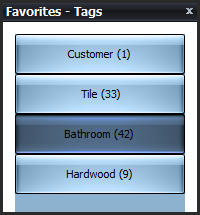
**Using a Favorite to Design**

First, if you have a “favorite” design already saved…you can click on that favorite and apply to this room:



Note:

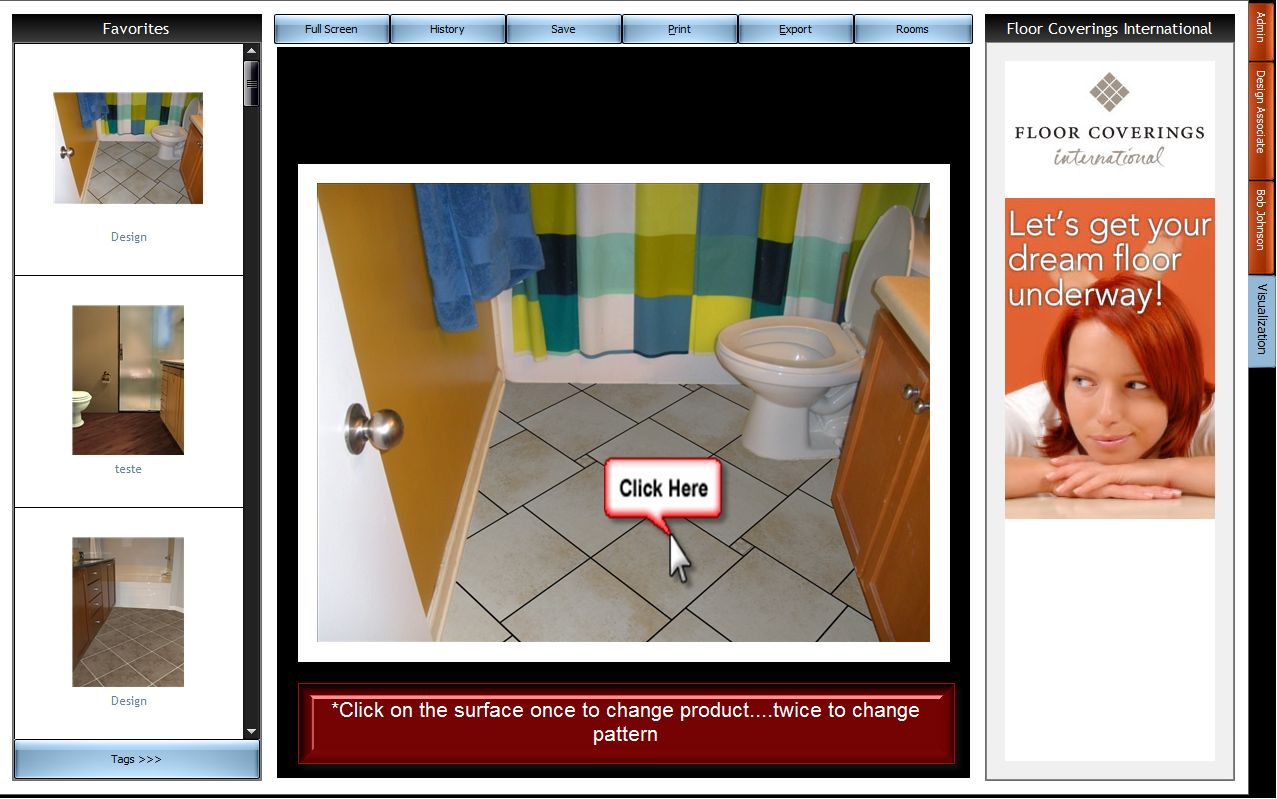
The system will default to showing you favorites filtered by room type (so if you are designing a bathroom, your view will be of bathrooms). You can change this by click on the “Tags” button.



The tag(s) that is deep blue and looks to be pressed in will be filtering your results. So, in this example you are seeing only bathrooms. To change this, you could click on “Bathroom” (releasing the filter) and click, for example, on “Tile.” You will then be viewing all of your (System, User, Consumer) favorites for tile designs (regardless of what room type they are in.

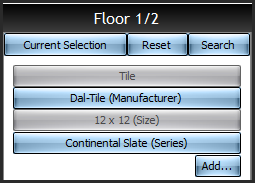
You can also, as you create new favorites with stock rooms, assign custom tags to make your favorites easier to find.

**Designing from scratch**



Click once on the surface (example, floor) that you have masked to change the flooring material. Click twice to change the pattern.

**Changing just the product:**

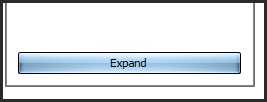


When you click once on the floor, you will see a set of filters (blue buttons) and a number of products. Certain filters will be grayed out because they are dictated by the pattern. In this example, you must use 12x12 tile to complete this pattern. The user can choose to filter by manufacturer, series, color etc.



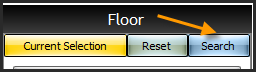
* To get rid of a filter, simply click the blue button and click “release filter.”
* To add a filter, simply click “Add.”
* If your pattern has more than one product to it, you can choose which product you are editing by clicking on “Current Selection.” From here, choose the product that you want to change out by clicking on that product.

**Note: If while choosing products you decide to start over from scratch, you can click on the “Reset” button. This will reset the pattern on the floor and you can then choose any product type/size etc.**

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To view a larger number of options at once, click on the “Expand” button on the bottom right of the screen

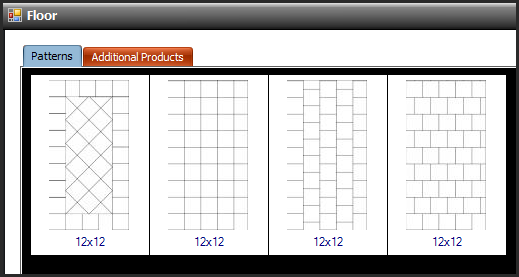
This will give you a nice full screen view of the products available given the existing filters.



You can also do a search for a product based on it’s description

**Changing the pattern:**

If, for example you want to change from a straight lay tile to a diagonal or a more complex pattern…**double click** on the floor in the picture.



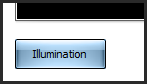
**Tab 1: Patterns**

The first tab of options will take the product(s) you have currently on the floor and will change the pattern (for example, you have Shaw Pantheon Color 101 on the floor if you double click, and choose a diagonal pattern it will put the existing product in to a diagonal layout.)

**Tab 2: Additional Products**

This will show you patterns that incorporate your existing product as the main product in the pattern (example, field tile) and then incorporate other products. (Note: you will need to follow the steps above for updating the placeholders---FCI logo---that are dropped in as the extra products in multi-product patterns)

**Changing Illumination:**

Double Click on the floor to adjust the illumination of the surface (for example, in a dark room to add more light on the floor)

Other Tools:



1. Click Full Screen to view large image without distraction of patterns and product tools
2. History-this allows you, to click back through your designs that you have been working on during a particular session (NOTE: History clears when you leave this particular room design screen…so Save anything you want to keep!)
3. Save: this will save a “Favorite”.
   1. If you have a customer pulled up and are working on a DIY room, you will be saving only to that customer’s account
   2. If you have a customer pulled up and are saving a stock room, you may choose to also save the design as a “User Favorite” (for future use).

***Hint: If you save a DIY Room favorite for a customer and really like the design:***

1. With the design/customer still loaded: click on “Rooms”
2. Choose the same room type (or clear filters)
3. You will see your design…apply it to a stock room.
4. Save and indicate that you would like to save as a “User Favorite”
5. Print-this will print the design (note printing does not auto-save a favorite)
6. Export-this will download the .jpg image to your computer (note this does not auto-save a favorite)
7. Rooms-Click here to move on to designing in another stock or DIY room