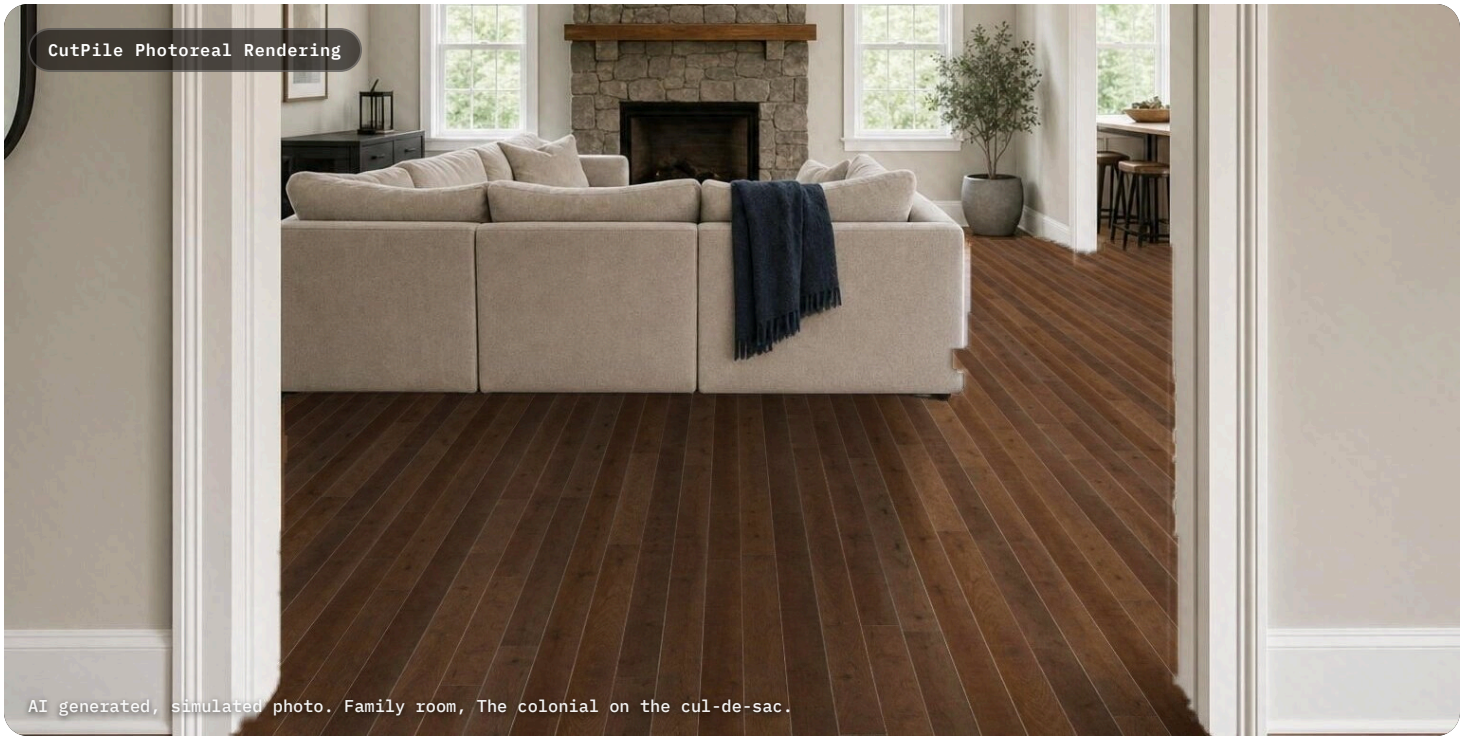
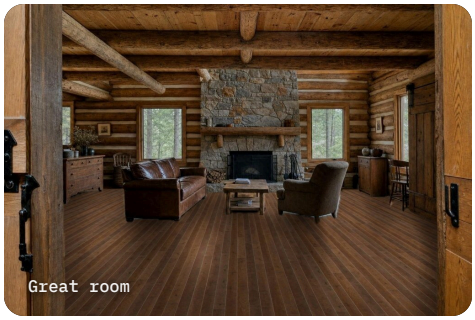
Cocoa low sheen in a dark and moody room

Cocoa low sheen from the Superior Select Solid Maple 4-1/4 in line is a very dark maple hardwood with an amber undertone (measured from its own picture: LRV 3). Here it is with Coventry Gray walls, Swiss Coffee trim, and Upward on the cabinets, chosen by the numbers.









THE PALETTE

THE FLOOR	WALLS	TRIM	CABINETS	WOOD
Cocoa low sheen	**Coventry Gray**	**Swiss Coffee**	**Upward**	**A mid brown wood**
LRV 3	Benjamin Moore HC-169 LRV 48.2	Benjamin Moore OC-45 LRV 81.9	Sherwin-Williams SW 6239 LRV 57.4	Like our Special Walnut stain sample

SUPERIOR HARDWOOD FLOORING

Cocoa low sheen

Superior Select Solid Maple 4-1/4 in · `SFPF34X414MP-SEL-COCOA-LOW`

Solid hardwood · Maple · 4.25 in

Price, specs and samples: **powellflooring.com/floors/superior/select-solid-maple-4-1-4-in/cocoa-low-sheen**

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WALLS, TRIM AND CABINETS

WALLS
Coventry Gray
Benjamin Moore HC-169 · LRV 48.2 · +45 from the floor
Its undertone leans green (hue 129°), which quiets the orange in Cocoa low sheen (hue 60°) instead of echoing it.

OR WALLS
Repose Gray
Sherwin-Williams SW 7015 · LRV 58.2 · +55 from the floor
Its undertone leans green (hue 97°), which quiets the orange in Cocoa low sheen (hue 60°) instead of echoing it.

TRIM AND CEILINGS
Swiss Coffee
Benjamin Moore OC-45 · LRV 81.9 · +79 from the floor
79 points over Cocoa low sheen in LRV and warm enough (chroma 5.7) to read white, not blue, beside its amber undertone.

CABINETS
Upward
Sherwin-Williams SW 6239 · LRV 57.4 · +54 from the floor
A light color with some life in it, so cabinets float off Cocoa low sheen (a 54 point step in LRV).

Cabinets in Upward or Swiss Coffee: a dark floor needs light cabinets to float above it.

THE FLOOR, MEASURED

LRV	LIGHTNESS L*	UNDERTONE	HUE
3	21	Amber	60°

An amber undertone, warm and a little orange. LRV is light reflectance value: 0 is black, 100 is white. A wall within 30 points of the floor blurs into it (BS 8300).

Cocoa low sheen is lighter than 4 percent of the 1,739 hardwood floors we carry, measured the same way, and warmer than 25 percent of them.

WOOD, RUGS AND METALS

A step lighter: a mid brown wood
About 16 points lighter than Cocoa low sheen in L* (37 against 21). Like our Special Walnut stain sample.

Tone on tone: taupe
7 in chroma, half the warmth of Cocoa low sheen (16), and 28 points lighter in L*.

Across the wheel: slate blue
Hue 240°, straight across the color wheel from the 60° of Cocoa low sheen, softened to balance it.

Grounding: stone gray
A light note at L* 66, 45 points from the 21 of Cocoa low sheen, so a rug keeps its edge.

Aged brass
A warm metal that agrees with the amber undertone of Cocoa low sheen (hue 60°).

Unlacquered brass
Left unsealed, it darkens with handling to a softer warm tone beside Coventry Gray walls.

Matte black
Black works with every undertone; beside Cocoa low sheen at LRV 3 it gives the room its outline.

ROOM BY ROOM

- **Living room** Coventry Gray walls and Swiss Coffee trim over Cocoa low sheen, velvet in taupe with a slate blue pillow, aged brass lamps on low.
- **Kitchen** Cabinets in Upward so they float off Cocoa low sheen, Swiss Coffee walls and trim, unlacquered brass pulls.
- **Bedroom** Repose Gray walls, taupe bedding, nightstands in a mid brown wood, matte black on the lamps.
- **Entry** A stone gray runner on Cocoa low sheen, Upward on the door, an unlacquered brass mirror.

WHAT TO AVOID

- Walls at the lightness of Cocoa low sheen: Caviar (Sherwin-Williams SW 6990, LRV 3) sits within a point of its LRV of 3, so wall and floor would blur into one.
- Wood that almost matches Cocoa low sheen: a tone like our Spice Brown sample, 6.7 apart (CIEDE2000), reads as a near miss. Go clearly darker or lighter.
- Pink or peach beige walls: they pull more orange out of the amber undertone of Cocoa low sheen (hue 60°).

THE ROOM IT SUITS

At LRV 3, Cocoa low sheen is very dark: it is at its best in a big room with good light and warm lamps, and it shows dust, pet hair and fine scratches more than a mid tone.

At 4.25 inches a board, Cocoa low sheen lays about 34 boards across a 12 foot room.

Solid hardwood: living spaces and bedrooms above grade, kept out of baths and basements.

Hardness: Hard maple: Janka 1,450 lbf

Construction: Solid

Finish: Prefinished

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