

Rug Buying Tips

1. All wool is not created equal. "Scratch the rug's surface," Roberts advised. "If a little wool comes off, that's fine, but if a lot comes loose, move on."
2. Look at the back. "If you can't see the rug's pattern on the back, it's glued together and will have odor issues in the future," said Roberts. Only buy a rug if you can see the pattern all the way through to the back.
3. Know the return policy. A no-quibble return policy is essential in case a newly purchased rug doesn't look so great at home. "The store should return your money or reverse the card transaction, not just offer in-store credit," said O'Connell.
4. Beware of false sales. A store regularly advertising going-out-of-business sales or discounts of 50% or more is pulling a fast one, said O'Connell. Other rug sellers to avoid: traveling auctions and online auction sites. "Play it safe and buy from a rug dealer with a real storefront," Roberts advised.
5. Comparison shop. Think of it as speed dating for rug lovers. "The more you shop, the easier it is to recognize quality -- and to notice the above noted red flags," said O'Connell.
6. Ask the expert. Before handing over their hard-earned cash, Roberts says consumers should ask a reputable wool rug cleaner for advice on the purchase.

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