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car·pet  (kär pīt)

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n.

1.

a. A thick heavy covering for a floor, usually made of woven wool or synthetic fibers, especially one covering the entire surface of the floor.

b. The fabric used for this floor covering.

2. A surface or surface covering that is similar to a rug: *a carpet of leaves and pine needles on the forest floor.*

tr.v. car·pet·ed, car·pet·ing, car·pets

To cover with or as if with a carpet: *carpet the stairs; snow that carpeted the sidewalks.*

Idiom:

on the carpet

1. In a position of being reprimanded by one in authority: *was called on the carpet for cheating.*

2. Under discussion or consideration: *Important matters will be on the carpet at today's meeting.*

[Middle English, from Old French *carpite*, from Medieval Latin *carpīta*, from Old Italian *carpita*, from *carpire*, to pluck, from Latin *carpere*; see **kerp-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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