

Styrofoam vs PVC Ceiling Tiles: Which Is Right for Your Room? (2026)

A Talissa Decor quick guide. Print and keep handy while you plan.

Quick comparison

Styrofoam is cheaper and warmer in look. PVC is waterproof and best for kitchens and baths.

Cost per 120 sq ft

Styrofoam: \$70 to \$200. PVC: \$200 to \$400. Add adhesive (\$0.75 per sq ft).

Install time

About 2 to 3 hours for a typical room. Both glue up directly to your existing ceiling.

Order extra

Always order 10 percent more than your square footage to cover cuts and waste.

Best by room

Living/bedroom: styrofoam. Kitchen/bath: PVC. Dining: either.

Safety

Test for asbestos in any home built before 1980 before disturbing a popcorn ceiling.

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