

Basement Ceiling Decision Checklist

Choosing between PVC ceiling tiles and foam ceiling planks for a humid basement

Before You Buy

- 1 Confirm there is no active leak or recurring water issue**
Check the ceiling and walls for stains, soft spots, or a musty smell before shopping for a finish.
- 2 Decide between a wood-look finish and a fully washable tile**
Foam ceiling planks give a wood-look, whitewash, or concrete-look finish; PVC tiles are the vinyl option for rooms that get cleaned often.
- 3 Ask which adhesive the manufacturer recommends for your substrate**
A glue-up product performs best with the adhesive named for that specific surface, not a general-purpose alternative.

On Install Day

- 1 Check that furring strips or the existing ceiling are flat and sound**
A flat, clean substrate matters as much as the product going onto it.
- 2 Plan the edge trim before the first tile goes up**
An edge filler or border piece finishes the perimeter where the ceiling meets a wall that is not perfectly square.
- 3 Work in sections rather than the whole room at once**
Checking alignment after each section catches a crooked row early.

After It Is Up

- 1 Wipe the surface with a damp cloth as part of regular cleaning**
A gentle wipe-down is typically all either material needs.
- 2 Watch for any new water stains or soft spots over time**
A change after installation points to a moisture source worth investigating, not the ceiling material itself.
- 3 Ask a qualified professional before assuming a stain or smell is harmless**
A remediation professional can tell the difference between a minor issue and one that needs more than a wipe-down.

Bring this list along when you compare samples and before you place a full room order.

www.talissadecor.com/contact/