

HOW TO INSTALL LAMINATE FLOORING

INSTRUCTIONS

TOOLS & ESSENTIALS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Laminate Flooring | <input type="checkbox"/> Saw (Table or Circular) | <input type="checkbox"/> Rubber Mallet (optional) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underlay | <input type="checkbox"/> Measuring Tape | <input type="checkbox"/> Spacers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> T-square/Straight-edge | <input type="checkbox"/> Pencil | |

PREP

1. Leave closed packages of flooring in the room 48 hours prior to installation.
2. Prepare subfloor (according to manufacturer's instructions).
3. Verify door and frame clearances, making adjustments as needed.
4. Remove existing baseboards.
5. Decide which direction planks should be laid.
6. Check for any damaged planks before installing.

INSTALL

1. Measure the room to establish its squareness and the width of the last row, making sure the width of the last row will not end up less than 2 inches. If so, the first row will need to be trimmed.
2. Remove the tongue on the first row of planks and the bottom lip of the groove side on the last row of planks. Use t-moldings if the floor is wider or longer than 33 feet.
3. Lay planks from left to right, with the tongue side against the starting wall, placing a 3/8 inch - 5/8 inch spacer between the wall and the plank. The last plank must be at least 12 inches long with the groove removed.
4. Install the second row making sure the first plank of the second row is longer than 12 inches (300mm) away from the joint of the first plank on the first row. Make sure to always remove the bottom lip of the groove and the tongue from the ends of the planks against the walls.
5. Continue installing from left to right, making sure to stagger the joints in each row by at least 8 inches.
6. Remove spacers and install moldings and trim careful to not nail the moldings to the laminate floor.

NOTE:

Always read the manufacturer's instructions prior to installation. Improper installation will void the warranty.

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