

# Berkshire Flooring

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residential carpet tile

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## **Tools Needed**

Tape Measure, Chalk Line, Razor Blade Knife, Straight Edge

## **Prior to Installation**

The floor should be smooth, flat, clean, dry, and free of any debris that could affect adhesion. Remove anything that is not well adhered to the floor. It is recommended to remove or seal old adhesives. Damp mopping and vacuuming is recommended to ensure that the floor is clean. Fill all cracks and depressions that might impact the finished floor with appropriate floor filler.

Floor temperature should be between 65 and 95 degrees Fahrenheit. Store carpet tiles at room temperature for 24 hours prior to installation.

## **Installation**

Measure the area to determine best layout. It is preferable to have larger cuts at perimeter walls. Often walls are not straight and the cut size might change from one end of the room to the other. Take into account doorways or other partitions when determining the best starting point.

After determining your starting point, snap chalk lines to use as a guide. Layout chalk lines to bisect at the starting point and are at right angles.

Installation should begin at this point, and you may choose to lay the tiles in either a straight grid or an ashlar (brick) pattern. Once you are ready, simply remove the plastic liner from the back of the tile, and align the tile

with the two chalk lines. If your tiles have our SoftTrac performance backing system, the tiles will come back to back with no liner. Simply pull the tiles apart and install as described above.

The carpet may not feel excessively sticky to the touch as it is a pressure sensitive adhesive. Make sure to apply downward pressure on the tile during installation. On some porous surfaces or in situations where the adhesive becomes contaminated by dust, additional adhesive may be needed. In these instances, our Glue Dots or a general purpose spray adhesive can be used.

As you proceed, check the arrows on the back of the tile and take care that all tiles are laid in the same direction. If tiles are installed in different directions, a difference in color will be apparent. To remedy, simply pull the tiles up rotate the tiles such that the pile lays over in the same direction and reinstall.

As you lay each tile, brush back the face fiber to keep it from being trapped between the tiles. Butt the tiles snugly, but do not compress the tiles. There should not be gaps in the backing material when properly installed.

When you get to the perimeter cuts, measure the size needed and mark the tile on the back with a felt tip or ball point pen. Prior to cutting, check the arrow to be certain that the fill tile will run the same direction as the other tile in the room. Cut the tile from the back being careful not to cut through the pile of the carpet and position the cut edge along the wall.

When you have completed the installation, vacuum the carpet and stand back to admire your new floor.