

# Vinyl fitting guide. A quick guide to fitting vinyl flooring onlinecarpets.co.uk

# **Fitting Vinyl Flooring**

# **Preparation**

- a. Vinyl flooring must be fitted straight to the sub floor.
- b. Remove any existing flooring, underlay, nails and grippers.
- c. Sweep the area to remove any small stones or objects that could pierce your vinyl.
- d. You can fit vinyl flooring on top of laminate, providing it is sound and secure.
- e. Place your roll of vinyl flooring into the room where you want it fitted and leave it for 24 48 hours, allowing it to acclimatise before fitting.
- f. By allowing your vinyl flooring to reach room temperature before fitting, you will get a perfect fit.

## **Positioning**

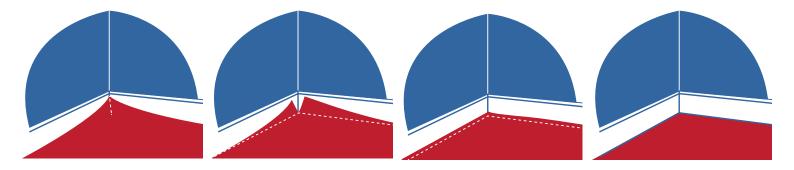
Vinyl flooring can be quite heavy and difficult to manoeuvre, so please make sure that you have assistance at hand in the initial stages of positioning your vinyl flooring.

- a. Lay your vinyl loosely into position.
- b. Stand in one corner of the room with one foot underneath the vinyl, pull the corner towards yourself to position it. (You may find it easier to push or gently kick the vinyl towards yourself with your other foot.)
- c. Repeat this in the opposite corner until you're happy that the vinyl is in the correct position.

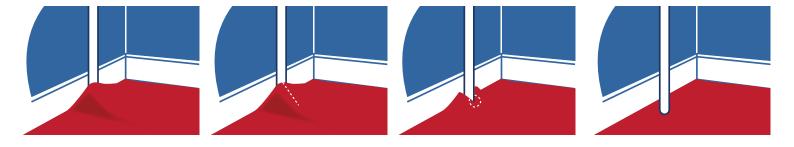
## **Fitting**

If you are fitting a vinyl for the first time, or are unsure which area is easiest to fit first, fitting the vinyl along your longest wall is the best place to start, working towards your doorway.

- a. If you need to cut the vinyl, leave around 5 7cm of extra at each edge.
- b. Cut a vertical line into the excess in each corner, and trim the overlapping vinyl.



- c. Use the same process as the corners when fitting around door frames and other difficult areas: cut vertical lines down the edges of the difficult areas and then cut the excess vinyl away from the floor edge.
- d. When fitting around pipes, cut a straight line from the edge of the vinyl to the pipe. Tuck the edges of the vinyl down and run your knife around the pipe at a 45 degree angle to trim the excess vinyl away.

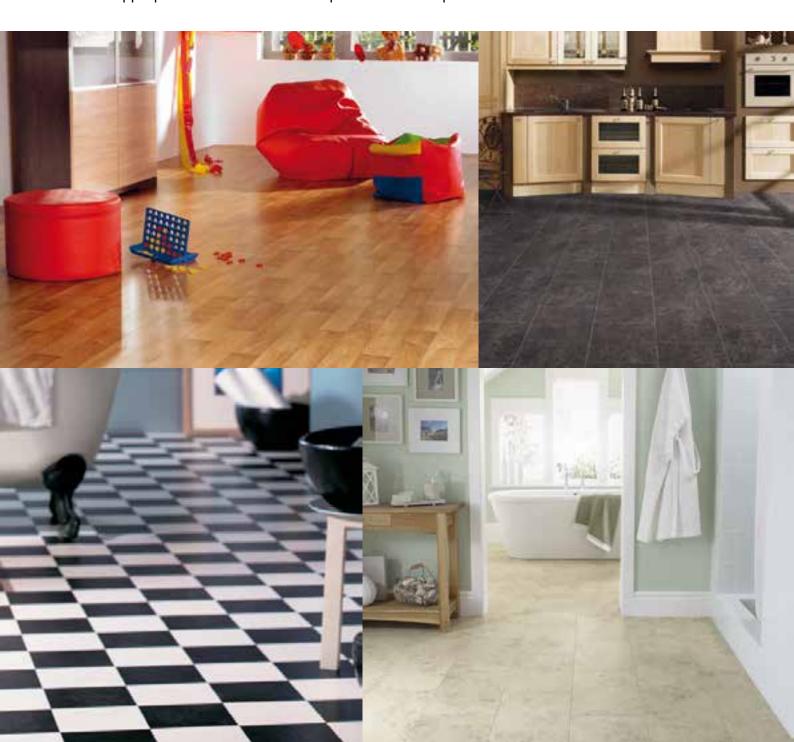


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- e. Using a carpet tucker or the flat, blunt side of your knife, firmly crease the edge of your vinyl into the skirting.
- f. We recommend that you fit a new blade into your knife to ensure a clean cut with no tearing when cutting your vinyl. You can also use scissors, but we always recommend using a knife to ensure a smooth, clean edge.
- g. Cut your vinyl flooring by angling your blade at a 45 degree angle into the corner where the skirting meets the floor. Ensure you cut above where the floor meets the skirting so you don't cut it short, leaving around 5mm excess.
- h. Repeat this process on the remaining walls.

## **Finishing**

- a. When you have positioned and laid your vinyl flooring, simply lift the edges and spray adhesive to the sub floor or use double-sided tape.
- b. Tuck the edges back under your skirting with the flat, blunt side of your blade or with a bolster chisel.
- c. Cut the vinyl flush with the flooring in the adjacent room in the doorway.
- d. Fit the appropriate door bar over the top and screw into place



# **Vinyl Flooring on stairs**

We do not recommend fitting vinyl flooring on stairs, it is specifically made for flat areas, meaning you could damage it when bending it around the step.

However, if you have a floating staircase, you can fit a piece on each step, fixing with spray adhesive.

# **Underlay**

Vinyl Flooring is made to be fitted straight to your sub-floor, concrete or wood planks. It comes with a foam or felt backing, allowing it to absorb impact from footfall.

This backing is usually quite dense, helping to prevent punctures from heeled shoes or furniture. Adding an underlay will decrease this resistance and you could puncture and damage your flooring.

## **Contact us**

If you require assistance with any of the steps in this guide, our flooring experts are here to help.

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