

# VINYL INSTALLATION

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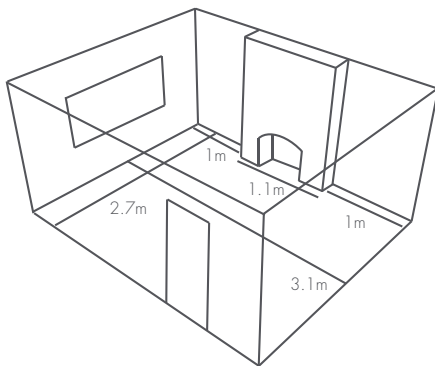
## How to measure

Before you start, you will need a pencil, a tape measure and a calculator. You should always ensure that you keep the flooring running in the same direction to maintain pattern and colour consistency.

Begin by measuring your rooms width and length at their widest points, remembering to measure into alcoves, doorways etc. You then need to check that the width of the room is less than your chosen flooring for example if your room is 3.3m and the product is only available 3m wide, you may need to order twice the amount and use the second piece as a filler with a join. This is not ideal and joins should never be considered in areas of heavy wear.

Once you have your measurements, you need to add 10cm for waste on all sides. Our example measures 2.7m x 3.1m. With 10cm added on all sides for waste, the overall measurement is 2.9m x 3.3m.

If the product width available is 3m, the length should be 3.3m or if the product width available is 4m, the piece could be fitted in the opposite direction and the length should be 2.9m



## Tools for the job

Double sided tape, vinyl cutter or sharp utility knife

## Installation

Fitting a new vinyl is a skill. Unless you are competent to carry out the fitting yourself we recommend you employ the services of a professional vinyl fitter. For the competent DIY'er, the following guidelines can be used.

Prepare the subfloor by removing any old floorcovering, the subfloor should be clean, dry flat and smooth.

Before fitting unroll your vinyl in the room where it is being installed and leave for 24 hours at room temperature. If your home has underfloor heating, turn it off for 24 hours before fitting the floor.

### Step 1

Cover the entire surface of the room leaving a 5cm excess at the base of the walls. Joints can be made by laying the edges side by side or by overlapping the edges and cutting to fit. Avoid leaving gaps at the joints or laying the edges too tightly together.

### Step 2

To get the vinyl to lay as flat as possible, you'll need to cut a triangular notch at each internal corner with scissors. If your room is less than 30m<sup>2</sup> you only need to use double sided vinyl tape to secure the flooring. Lift the flooring and place double sided tape around the perimeter of the room and under the joints to preserve them. The vinyl should then be laid down and pressure applied firmly ensuring a good contact. If your room is more than 30m<sup>2</sup>, you will need to use adhesive over the complete surface. Fold the flooring back partially and apply the adhesive using a serrated spatula. The recommended amounts to be applied and drying times should be followed by reading the manufacturer's instructions. Fold down and fix firmly moving from the centre of the room towards the walls. This will expel any air trapped between the subfloor and the flooring.

Loose laying can be considered if the location is a small area and is not subject to heavy traffic. For finishing off along the skirting boards, the excess material should be trimmed using a vinyl trimmer or a sharp utility knife.

# CARE GUIDE

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Remove dust with a brush or vacuum cleaner. Use a mild household detergent with water for a more thorough clean. Diluted bleach can be used to remove stubborn stains.