

fibre fitting instructions for all woven products: Sisal, Seagrass, Flatweave Classics, 100% Wool Flatweave, Country Homes & Interiors Twill & Chevron, Herringbone, Helios, Sisal-Look EasyCare, Varsity backed broadloom. N.B. Sisal EasyFit can be double stuck or traditionally fitted.

Check the floorcovering is the correct product and colour and that there are no visible defects before cutting or fitting. **We cannot accept any returns after the floor covering has been cut or fitted.**

#### Preparation:

- Measuring: all floor coverings, in particular plant fibre products; sisal & seagrass, need to be acclimatised in the environment that they are to be fitted in and can be prone to some shrinkage during this period. It is important when preparing a cut plan to add at least 10cms to the overall length of the cut required to take this into account.
- Acclimatisation: all our floorcoverings should be acclimatised in the area in which they are to be laid for at least 48 hours. It is recommended that the floor covering is laid out and cut to shape, but left oversized to allow for shrinkage as the floor covering acclimatises.
- Damp areas: natural floor coverings should **not** be installed into areas with high moisture levels as they will expand and contract and cause the floor covering to become misshapen. We would not advise that any of our natural floor coverings are fitted into “wet areas” such as bathrooms, kitchens or utility rooms. Please note that seagrass is particularly prone to damp and mould can start to form on the surface.

- Subfloor: before laying the floor covering the subfloor should be checked to ensure that it is in good condition. The subfloor should be clean, smooth and uniform. An uneven subfloor will influence the appearance and wear of the floorcovering. If floorboards are uneven, with large gaps between boards, we would recommend that a minimum of 6mm ply is fitted. N.B. when installing floor coverings onto concrete it is important that the subfloor is dry; use the appropriate moisture meter to check this.

### Accessories:

A good quality 8mm contract underlay such as Ball & Young Cloud 9 contract range or Duralay's Durafit system is recommended. The underlay should be fixed to the subfloor with a tackifier and the floorcovering adhered to the underlay with a permanent adhesive. We only recommend using F ball adhesives; F40 tackifier and F3 permanent adhesive.

### Installation:

- Medium pinned gripper should be fitted around the perimeter of the room leaving an appropriate gap between the gripper and the skirting board to form a gully. For thicker floorcoverings such as our Himalaya range we would advise using long pin gripper or if the floor covering is particularly thin i.e. a sisal panama weave, we would recommend using small pin gripper or blank gripper and adhere the floor covering to gripper. You can also staple the floorcovering to the gripper for even more hold.
- Make sure the subfloor is clean and dust free. For concrete subfloors apply tackifier evenly. Allow the tackifier to dry and then install the underlay. For floorboards use tackifier or where appropriate a combination of spray adhesive and where necessary staples.

- Now lay out the floor covering and position correctly, fold back around half of the floor covering and apply the adhesive. Use a notched trowel (2mm x 6mm) to apply the adhesive evenly then fold back the floor covering into the glue. Do **not** over glue as this will cause bleed through the floorcovering and adhesive can come through the pile.
- For areas that require a join we always recommend the use of a good quality “gold” heat seaming tape. Cut off the selvedge edge ensuring that you have a clean straight edge on both sides that are being joined. Please note that many of our most popular floorcoverings now come in 4 & 5m widths.

**No join is seamless**, some products will join better than others but a tolerance of 1cm bow per metre in the width is deemed acceptable and within tolerance according to EU manufacturing guidelines. If the carpet is 4m wide, the flooring may bow from one side to the other by up to 4cm, a 5m wide carpet may be up to 5cm and still be within acceptable tolerance.

- Repeat this process for the remainder of the floor covering then go over the whole area with a 15 KG glider to ensure the adhesive has come into contact with the whole of the floor covering and the adhesive has “grabbed”.
- Now trim the edges of the floor covering and tuck in the edges into the gully after the gripper.
- All exposed edges should be protected by using an appropriate threshold i.e. doorways etc