
Fitting Instructions

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Preparation

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Measuring: natural floor coverings need to be acclimatised in the environment that they are to be fitted 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.

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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 or kitchens. Please note that seagrass is particularly prone to damp and mould can start to form on its surfaces.

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Acclimatisation: natural floor coverings 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.

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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 have an effect on the appearance and wear of the floorcovering. If floor boards 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.

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Method: we only recommend using a double stick method for all installations of our plant fibre products. A good quality 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 recommend using F ball adhesives; F40 tackifier and F3 permanent adhesive.

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Installation

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Gripper should be fitted around the perimeter of the room leaving an appropriate gap for the floor covering to form a gully. N.B. if the floor covering is particularly thin i.e. a sisal panama weave we would recommend using blank gripper and adhere the floor covering to the gripper.

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Make sure the subfloor is clean and apply tackifier evenly. Allow the tackifier to dry and then install the underlay.

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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 to apply the adhesive evenly then fold back the floor covering into the glue.

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For areas that require a join we always recommend the use of a good quality heat seaming tape.

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Repeat this process for the remainder of the floor covering then go over the whole area with a glider.

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Now trim the edges of the floor covering and tuck the edges into the gully after the gripper.