

FLOATING FLOOR INSTALLATION TIPS

Let Southern Lumber help bring the beauty of Hardwood floors to your home.

LIST OF NEEDED STEPS:

1. Check subfloor, float in flooring requires a moisture barrier when installed over concrete slab.
2. Measure area, length times width equals the square footage of flooring you will need.
3. Select flooring, underlayment and new moulding.
4. Purchase flooring and moulding supplies. Purchase at least 10% extra to allow for waste.
5. Have the flooring delivered in advance of the installation date, flooring should be stacked in the area where it will be installed for a minimum of 48 hours prior to installation. Allow time to get flooring that is not stocked at Southern Lumber Company.
6. Remove old floor covering, baseboard and tack strips if carpeted. Repair any damaged subflooring.
7. Check subfloor for level, fill or shim low spots, and sand down high spots that will prevent flooring from laying properly.
8. Check for squeaks, drive screws through subfloor into floor joists to correct.
9. Lay down moisture barrier and underlayment according to floor manufacturer's instructions.
10. Determine the "sight line" of the flooring, and "rack out" the first few courses. Make sure that seams are a minimum of 4-6" or more apart, and avoid patterns repeats.
11. Undercut door jambs and casing to allow a clean look to the floor installation.
12. Carefully edge glue and install flooring according to manufacturer's installation instructions.

Checklist of Needed Supplies:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Flooring | <input type="checkbox"/> Nail Putty |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underlayment | <input type="checkbox"/> Stain and Finish for unfinished mouldings. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mouldings | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nails | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Polyethylene | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Floor Mastic | |

Recommended Tools:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hammer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nail Set |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hand Saw | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chalk Line |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jig saw | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tape Measure |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pry Bar | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Can Opener |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tapping Block | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Knee Pads |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drill | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety Goggles |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pilot Drill Bit | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ear Plugs |

PROJECT DIFFICULTY:

NOVICE

HOME HOBBYIST

INTERMEDIATE

ADVANCED