



STERLING PLANKS INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Easy Do-It-Yourself Installation

Important: Make sure the COLOR on the side of this box is the same when using two or more boxes. Before installing the planks, store them at room temperature for at least a day.

1. Preparing the Surface

ALL floor surfaces must be dry, clean, smooth and level.

- **Cement:** Fill in all cracks and holes with a suitable latex filler.
- **Wood:** Make sure all old wooden planks are securely nailed down. Counter-sink nail heads and cover with latex filler. The surface must be completely clean and free of paint, varnish, or wax.
- **Resilient Vinyl:** Remove all dirt, grease, or wax build up.

DO NOT install new planks over cushioned vinyl rubber flooring. Remove flooring or cover with plywood. If installing plywood, remember to countersink the nails and cover the holes with filler.

DO NOT INSTALL PLANKS OVER:

- Any floor exposed to excessively hot or cold temperatures
- Any floor exposed to excessive moisture
- Radiant heated floors
- Particle board

2. To Begin

You must determine the center point of your room. Measure the center points of opposite walls and secure a chalk line from one to the other. Snap the line. Repeat the process with the other set of opposite walls. The point at which the chalk lines intersect is the room's center. (Figure 1)

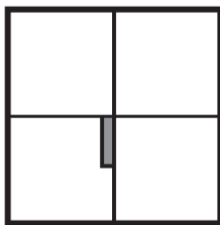


Figure 1

3. Plank Installation

Starting at the center point as shown in Figure1, peel off the protective paper and carefully align the plank with the chalk line markings. Press down firmly. (Caution: the plank's protective paper covering is very slippery. To avoid accidents, do not leave the paper on the floor after you've peeled it from the plank.)

Moving along the chalk line, butt each plank squarely and as tightly as possible. Without going directly against the wall initially, form a pyramid shape as shown in Figure 2.

Do not install planks to the edges of the room until the main floor area has been covered.

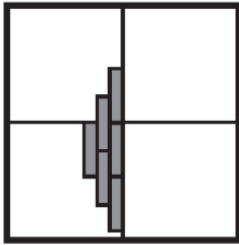


Figure 2

4. Cutting Planks

Planks should be cut with a straight edge and utility knife. Cut edges should face the wall. If possible, slide cut edges under wall molding.

To fit planks around irregularly shaped objects, make a pattern of the exposed area with a sheet of paper. Use the paper cut-out as a template. Placing the paper cut-out on the front side of the plank, trace the contours of the paper onto the plank. Cut around the marked contours.

5. Maintenance

While Sterling Plank floors require minimum maintenance, please follow these guidelines:

- Sweep, damp mop, or vacuum regularly
- Avoid abrasive cleansers
- Use furniture leg coasters
- Occasionally use an appropriate vinyl floor cleaner
- **DO NOT WAX.** This will make the floor's surface too slippery and may cause accidents.

How Many Boxes Do You Need?

After measuring the room, use the chart below to determine how many boxes you'll need to complete the job.

	6'	8'	10'	12'	14'	16'	18'
6'	3	4	4	5	6	7	8
8'	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10'	4	6	7	8	10	11	12
12'	5	7	8	10	12	13	15
14'	6	8	10	12	14	15	17
16'	7	9	11	13	15	18	20
18'	8	10	12	15	17	20	22
20'	8	11	14	16	19	22	24

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