

TOOLS REQUIRED:

- Utility knife (included)
- Knee Kicker (included)
- Tucking Tool (included)
- Screw driver (to remove door hinges, not included)
- Tin Snips (to cut gripper strips, not included)
- Hammer (to nail down gripper, not included)
- Leather gloves (not included)
- Safety glasses (not included)

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

- Gripper Strips
- Underlay
- Carpet
- Fast setting construction adhesive (to glue gripper strips prior to nailing to concrete floors)
- Duct tape (for underlay seams)
- Double sided tape (to stick underlay to concrete floors)
- Hand stapler and staples (to secure underlay on timber floors)

DIY CARPET INSTALLATION KIT OWNER'S MANUAL



PREPARATION

Always start with a clean floor. If you are replacing an old carpet, removing the door to the room will make it easier to remove the furniture, bring out the old carpet and remove any finishing strips at the entry doorway (do not bend as you may wish to reuse this strip). Once the old carpet and underlay is removed, check the existing gripper strips. If they are in good condition and well secured to the floor, they can remain installed and reused.

INSTALLATION OF THE GRIPPER STRIPS

Install the new gripper strips around the perimeter of the room, except in front of doorways. Leave a 6mm to 10mm space between the gripper stick and the skirting board, ensuring all pins are facing the skirting board.

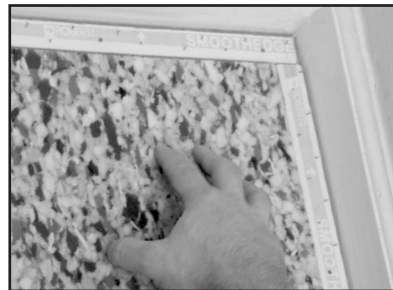


When installing gripper strips on a concrete floor, be sure to use gripper strips with concrete nails (wood nails for wood floors). Ensure that safety glasses are worn when hammering the nails into the subfloor.

Tip: gluing the strips with fast setting construction adhesive before nailing will make this process easier. Allow the adhesive to cure prior to nailing.

LAYING THE UNDERLAY

Cut underlay to the required length, overlapping the gripper strips. Butt the lengths of underlay to each other and secure with duct tape. Trim the excess underlay at the inside of the gripper strips. When laying underlay on concrete floors, use double sided tape to secure the underlay to the concrete floor. When laying underlay to timber floors, staple the underlay to secure it to the timber floor.



LAYING THE CARPET

Lay the carpet in the room allowing the carpet to ride up all walls by 50mm to 75mm. Tip: the corners will not lay flat on the floor and will bend or crease up the wall. With your fingers, push the carpet in each

corner firmly to the floor, cut a small "V" in each corner just slightly above this point so the carpet lays flat up each wall.

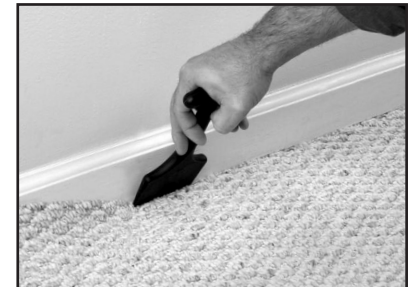
Place the gripper head of the knee kicker onto the carpet about 75mm from the wall and "kick" the padded end of the kicker with your knee with as much force as possible. This will stretch the carpet over the gripper strip where the teeth of the strip will grab it, holding it tightly in place. Secure the carpet along the entire length of one wall. It is important to put the knee kicker at a 10 to 15 degree angle when kicking the carpet and it should be at the same angle in which you are moving. As you move along the walls, press down on the carpet with your hand behind the kicker head to make sure the carpet sets securely on the gripper.



Once the first wall is secured to the gripper strips, move to the opposite wall and repeat the same kicking motion down the entire second parallel wall. When the two first opposite walls are securely attached to the gripper strips, move to either of the two remaining walls and repeat the same process. Once all four walls are attached to the gripper, test the tightness of the carpet by pinching the tufts and pulling up. The carpet should barely rise off the underlay. If the carpet easily pulls up, use the kicker to stretch the carpet tighter by kicking against one wall at a time.



Once the entire carpet is stretched, use the utility knife to trim the excess carpet at the walls, leaving about a 15mm lip of extra carpet along the walls. Tuck the carpet between the skirting board and the gripper using the tucking tool.



At the doorway trim the carpet so that it is centred under the door and install the finishing strip to hold the carpet in place.