



# CARPET INSTALLATION GUIDE



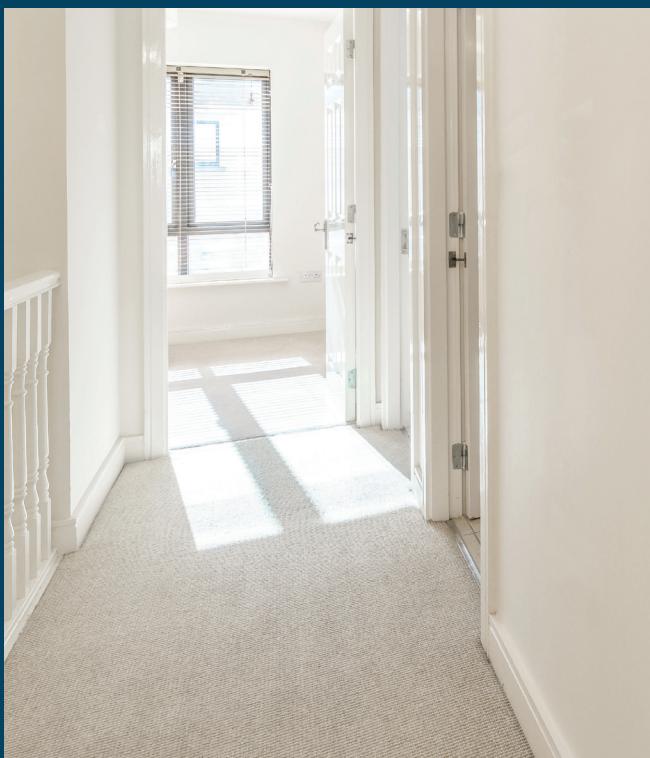
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## WHAT IS CARPET?

Carpeting is available in 12' or 15' widths or 24" x 24" tiles that come in a variety of colors and patterns. Carpeting can be installed over a variety of flooring substrates: ceramic, vinyl, concrete, wood and most any solid sub floor.

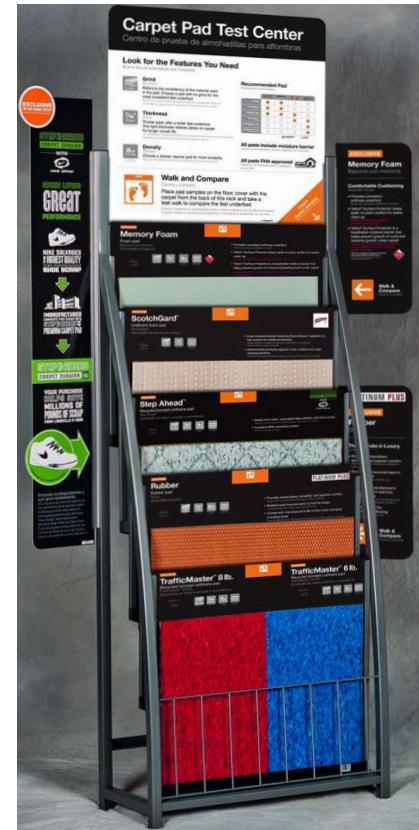


## FLOOR PREPARATION TIPS FOR CARPET INSTALLS:

- **Remove existing carpet:** Remove staples from old pad on stairs and sub floor. When removing the carpet all furniture should be removed from the site of installation. If the installers are moving your furniture, be sure to empty all drawers, move all TVs, audio equipment, electronics and breakables.
- Closets need to be clear from the waist down, dresses, hanging items, etc. must be off the floor.
- It is not necessary to remove existing tack strips if they are already down and in good condition.
- Discuss with the installers the style of steps you would like: waterfall, box, etc.
- Ensure sub floor is flat.
- Patch any areas that may have been damaged.
- If you are going over ceramic tile, skim coating will be necessary to prevent the grout lines from telegraphing through the carpet.



# SELECTING THE RIGHT PAD FOR THE CUSTOMER'S JOB:



## INSTALLING CARPET

- Walk the job site to ensure sub floor and areas to be installed are clear.
- Inspect tack strips and install any needed sticks.
- Unroll padding and install by stapling or gluing to the sub floor.
- Cut the carpet according to your measurements and layout.
- Bring carpet into the rooms to be installed.
- Lay and position in the room.
- Shape out areas in the carpet.
- Prepare any seams with seaming tape and rough cut in place.
- Use seaming iron to heat tape and put together the seam.
- Power stretch the carpet in the room.
- Tuck the carpet in and around the edges and make final cut along the edges to the baseboards. (Minor scuffing of baseboards is to be expected.)
- Cleanup the job site and vacuum installed areas.
- Do a final walk through to make sure expectations have been met and that we earned a 10.

## REMOVING EXISTING CARPET

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## INSTALLING TACK STRIP

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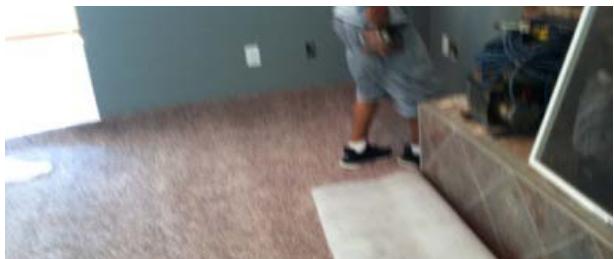
## ROLL OUT PADDING

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## LAYING CARPET OUT ON PREPARED FLOOR

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## MAKING SEAMS

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## POWER STRETCHING THE CARPET

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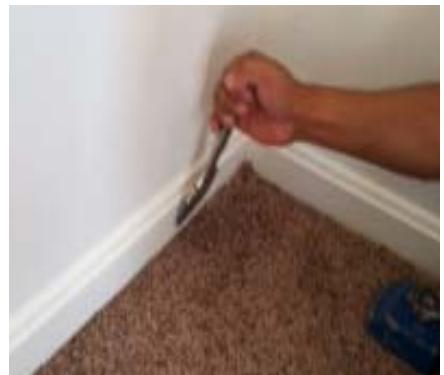
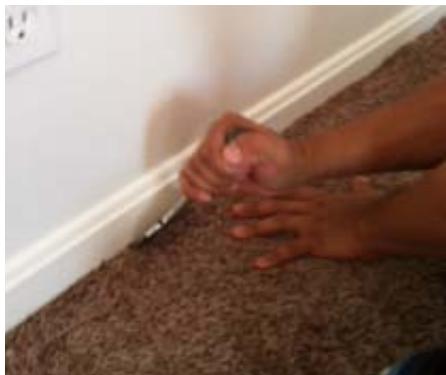
## CUT TO FIT

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## TUCK TO WALL

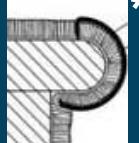
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## DIFFERENT TYPES OF STEPS

Waterfall style

Hollywood style



Binding on both sides of carpet installed Hollywood style

Birdcage

\* Waterfall style flows over the stair nose. Hollywood style tucks under the stair nose.

## COMPLETION OF PATTERN MATCH AND SEAM



# BINDING



Many binding edge colors to choose from.  
The binder will select the best match for product.



Carpet being bound in the workroom  
for installation on steps.



Bound carpet on the left installed  
above Hollywood style.

# TOOLS

## Tools that are needed to install carpet:

A carpet knife to cut the carpet, seam iron, seam roller, knee kicker, tuck knife, knee pads, floor scraper, and power stretcher.

