

VINYL INSTALLATION GUIDE



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WHAT IS LAMINATE FLOORING?

A soft flexible and cushioned flooring available in sheets or tiles that come in a variety of colors and patterns.

Vinyl flooring can be installed over existing vinyl, concrete or wood.

FLOOR PREPARATION: UNDERLayment FOR VINYL INSTALLS

Underlayment is needed for all vinyl installations since all imperfections will show through the new vinyl. Therefore, it is very important to clean existing floor thoroughly prior to and after underlayment.

PLYWOOD (LAUAN): 1/4" (or thicker) is needed for installing over wood subfloor or existing vinyl over wood subfloor (be sure to patch all seams, nail holes and repair any imperfections prior to spreading adhesive)

SKIMCOATING: for installing over bare concrete that is level and in good condition to fill in any minor cracks and to smooth out surface

EMBOSSING: for installing over existing vinyl that is in good condition to smooth out surface so existing pattern does not show through new vinyl

SELF LEVELER: for installing over concrete that is unlevel or damaged



INSTALLING VINYL

- Cut the vinyl according to your measurements and/or template.
- Be sure to account for pattern matches.
- Lay vinyl out on prepped floor, roll out vinyl with roller from the center outwards to get rid of any wrinkles and cut away any additional material along the edges (cut to fit). Vinyl may be installed under or up to appliances.
- Be sure to check for adequate clearance at the bottom of doors and door casing so the new flooring will fit.
- Roll back half of the vinyl and apply adhesive with trowel.
- Cut straight seams, apply adhesive and roll seams with roller.
- Roll out vinyl with roller again to adhere adhesive.



INSTALLING PLYWOOD (LAUAN)



PATCHING PLYWOOD



SCRAPING EXCESS



EMBOSSING



SKIM COATING



SELF LEVELER



LAYING VINYL OUT ON PREPARED FLOOR



ROLLING OUT WRINKLES



CUT TO FIT



ROLLING BACK VINYL



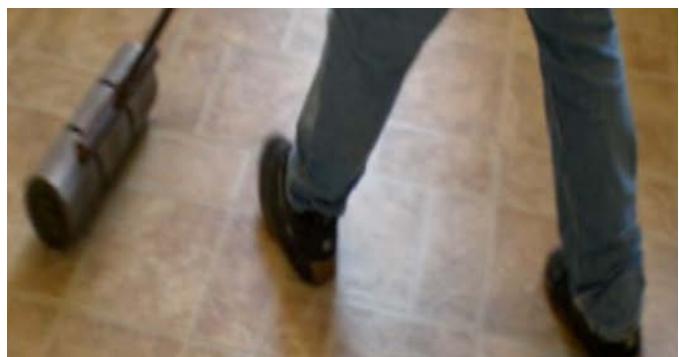
SPREADING OF ADHESIVE



APPLYING VINYL TO ADHESIVE



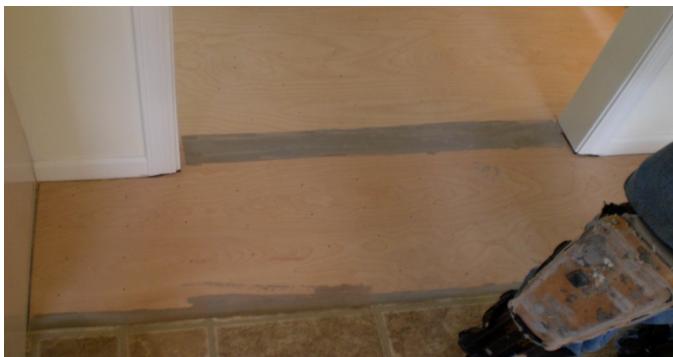
ROLLING AND ADHERING VINYL TO ADHESIVE



PATTERN MATCH SEAM



COMPLETION OF PATTERN MATCH AND SEAM



CLEAR PHENOSEAL

Application

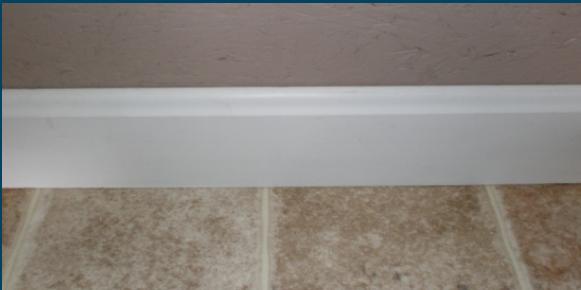


Result



MOULDINGS FOR VINYL

When installing vinyl, you must install either phenoseal, wallbase and/or quarterround or shoemolding, or cove base to keep the edges from curling.



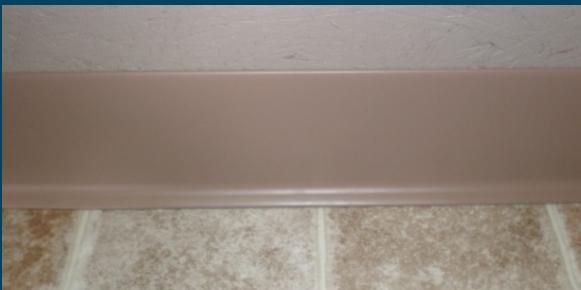
Wallbase



Quarter round



Wallbase with quarter round



Cove base

TOOLS

A few specialized tools are needed to install vinyl: a notched trowel to spread adhesive evenly, a hand roller to embed the vinyl along edges and at seams, and a 100 lb. Roller to set the majority of the flooring into the glue.

