

ТЕМА 2.3.8. ЛАМИНАТ LAMINATE FLOORING

1. Match the words and word combinations to their Russian equivalents.

1. flooring plank
2. underlayment
3. door jamb
4. groove
5. snug fit
6. tongue
7. tapping block
8. threshold
9. spacer
10. base molding
11. end joint

- a) дверной порог
- b) плитку
- c) плотное прилегание
- d) дверной косяк
- e) соединительный паз
- f) клин
- g) напольная доска
- h) стыковое соединение
- i) гребень ламината
- j) подложка
- k) подбойный брусок

2. Read the text *Laminate Flooring Installation*. Say what information about laminate flooring is new for you. Exchange your opinion with your groupmates.

Laminate flooring is a very popular choice to use in modern houses. It's hard-wearing, durable and scratch-resistant, available in a variety of colours and designs. Unlike ceramic tile, laminate flooring installation is dry. And unlike solid hardwood flooring that needs to be nailed down, laminate snaps together and lies in place.

Follow these steps to install new laminate floors in your home.

Step 1. Acclimate the flooring in the house for 48 hours before installation. Lay down the laminate flooring before being used flat on the floor. This permits the laminate planks to adopt to the room's temperature and moisture level before installation.

Step 2. Before you start laying the laminate, make sure the floor is clean and free from any dirt or debris. The smallest piece of debris can lift your floor up. If installing on top of a new concrete floor wait until the floor is fully cured.

Step 3. After cleaning the floor, lay out the underlayment one row at a time from the longest wall of the room. Cut the underlay to correct length. When joining two sheets together, follow the manufacturer's direction. The underlayment helps to reduce sound and keep the flooring warm.

Step 4. Once the underlayment is down, there's one additional preliminary step to undertake - trimming the door jambs. To accomplish this, lay down one plank so that its edge runs along the side of the jamb. Mark the board and using a handsaw, cut parallel to the floor, creating a cutout that allows the board to fit neatly under the jamb for a clean, professional look.

Step 5. The most important row of the entire flooring project is the first one. It should be installed parallel to the longest wall, starting at one corner and working toward the other. Take care that this first row is straight, so subsequent rows will fit correctly and look professional.

Position the first plank with the groove facing toward the wall and flush to a corner of the room. To allow for natural expansion and contraction, place 1/4-inch* spacers between the board and the wall at intervals of 12 inches. Install the remainder of the first row, placing one plank at a time and matching tongues to grooves, gently tapping for a snug fit. When you get to the end of the row, use the pull bar to help tap that last plank tightly into position.

Step 6. With the first row done, proceed one plank at a time, matching tongues to grooves. Use the flooring cutter to cut the first and last piece of each row as necessary. Gently tap each plank snugly in place with the hammer and tapping block.

For a lasting, attractive installation, be sure to stagger the end joints of adjacent boards by at least 6 inches. This also prevents the floor from separating and keeps close seams from buckling.

Step 7. Installing the last plank can be somewhat of a pain. It may be necessary to trim the board, or at least the tongue, to ensure that it's flush. Complete the job by putting in thresholds between the end of the flooring and any open doors where the flooring ends. Finally, take out the spacers and reinstall the base molding. Now sit back and admire your handiwork.

3. Match the headings to the steps of laminate flooring installation.

Step 1 A. Install the First Row

Step 2 B. Trim the Door Jambs

Step 3 C. Install the Rest of the Flooring

Step 4 D. Install Thresholds and Baseboard Molding

Step 5 E. Stack the Laminate Flooring before Installation

Step 6 F. Install the Underlayment

Step 7 G. Clean the Subfloor

4. Use the QR-code and put the steps of laminate flooring installation in the correct order.



5. Work in pairs. Discuss the questions:

1. Does laminate flooring need to be nailed down?
2. How should the floor be prepared for laminate installation?
3. Can temperature and humidity affect flooring planks?
4. What is the most important tool for the entire flooring project?
5. What is the underlayment used for?
6. What is the last step of laminate flooring installation?

6. Make up a short report on laminate flooring installation using word combinations from ex. 1.

PROJECT

7. A. Make up a slide presentation on new trends in internal finishes.

Make your information engaging and use illustrations. Use the information from the unit, Internet sites, and reference books.

B. Present your work to your groupmates.