THE CLAIMS DEFINING THE INVENTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. A method of forming a floor from a plurality of flooring panels which are generally rectangular in shape and have side edges, at least one of the side edges being provided with a groove, including the steps of:

positioning one of said panels on a plurality of joists of a flooring frame with the groove of that panel extending transverse to the longitudinal axis of the joists;

positioning a second said panel on the joists of the flooring frame adjacent said first panel so that the groove of the second panel is complimentary with the groove of the first panel; and

- said method further including applying an adhesive to at least one of the grooves of the first or second panel and bringing the panels together so that the adhesive adheres the first and second panels together and forms a spline between the panels moulded at least in part by the said complementary grooves.
 - 2. The method according to claim 1, wherein further said panels are positioned on the joists of the flooring frame to complete the floor.
 - 3. The method according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the panels are fixed to the joists by nails or screws.

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