

# Installation instructions

# Carpet tiles



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## 1. CARPET TILES

It is important that the floor is clean, dry and dust-free before laying the carpet tiles. If the floor is flat and pressure-resistant, an underlay is not necessary. Make sure the carpet tiles are laid tightly together. In rooms larger than 30m<sup>2</sup>, anti-slip glue or carpet tape should be used. In rooms up to 30m<sup>2</sup> the carpet tiles can be laid loose.

## 2. INSTALLING CARPET TILES

### Step 1: Preparation

The carpet tiles should acclimatise for at least 24 hours at a minimum temperature of 16°C. Before laying, old floor covering and adhesive residues should be removed. The sub-floor must be clean, dry, level and smooth before the carpet tiles can be laid, it is important to vacuum thoroughly before laying.

### Step 2: Fixation (rooms larger than 30m<sup>2</sup>)

To secure the tiles to the subfloor, there are two options:

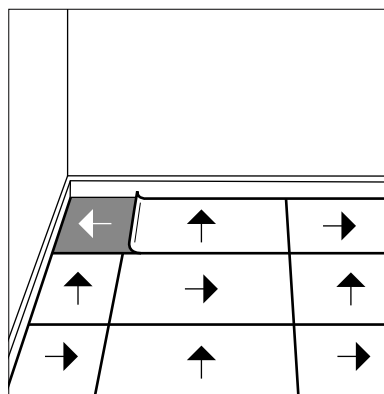
- **Anti-slip adhesive (preferred method).**

Apply a thin layer of the adhesive with a coat roller, then let it set for 30 to 45 minutes. It is possible to apply the anti-slip glue in several sections. Note: do not stand on the adhesive.

- **Carpet tape**

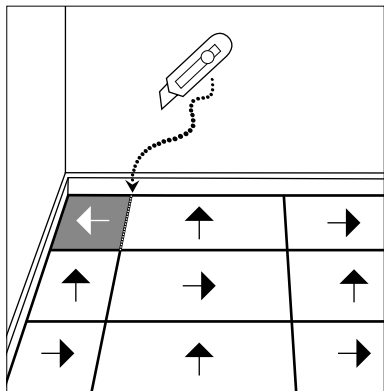
The first row of carpet tiles should be secured with double-sided tape. Strips of double-sided tape should be placed every 1 to 1.50 metres. All edges of the carpet tiles close to a wall should be secured with tape 10 to 15cm apart.

### Step 3: Determine the border tile size



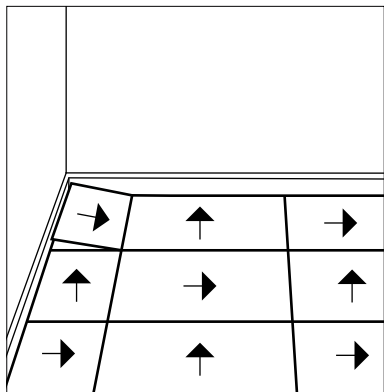
Lay the border tile with its back up (in the opposite direction) against the edge/wall to determine the correct size of the tile. Make sure that the part of the border tile you are going to cut off is under the next tile, so that the border tile lies flat. This way it can later be cut well along the edge of the top tile.

The picture on the left shows the carpet tiles laid alternately. Most qualities are also suitable for laying in one direction.

**Step 4: Cutting carpet tiles**

Cut the border tile in the backing along the tile on top with a Stanley knife.

With a thick bitumen backing, first cut 2 - 3 times over the same spot, then the tile can be carefully broken. Less force needs to be applied afterwards to cut the top tile in half via the bottom. Tip: Apply dishwashing liquid to the blade. This makes the bitumen stick less to the blade.

**Step 5: Laying the border tile**

Once the border tile has been cut, it can be laid in place with its back facing down.



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