

## Tuff Guy Vinyl Plank Installation Instructions

1. Remove thresholds and baseboards before you measure the room to see how much flooring to purchase. Your square footage will be the length times the width of the room plus the area of any nooks and closets. Total the number of square feet and add 10 percent to allow for any trimming/waste.
2. Strip the existing floor if necessary. If your existing floor surface is solid and smooth you may choose to skip this step. If you remove carpet or old vinyl, make sure any deposits of flooring adhesive are removed as well. You may need to use a power scraper and citrus-based solvent to get old vinyl floor adhesive off. Go over the corners and crevices with a sander to remove any adhesive that remains.
3. Use a patching compound to fill in any cracks and holes in your subfloor. Work the compound into the hole with a putty knife and level it off. Once you have a smooth, even surface, sweep and mop it thoroughly. The smoother the subfloor, the better vinyl planks will bond to it. Finally, lay down a coat of primer to seal the subfloor against moisture.
4. Lay out the room. Choose the wall that is the main line of sight in the room (usually this is the wall opposite the rooms main entrance). Lay out a line of planks along this wall and use a T-square to make sure the planks are parallel to it. Mark a line on the floor using a chalk line or felt-tip marker (it's going to be covered up so permanent marker is okay). The idea is to "square off" the room so your new flooring looks attractive as possible.
5. Use a small notch trowel to spread a layer of adhesive for vinyl plank flooring. Vinyl flooring adhesives are product specific so use only BBL's recommended adhesive and follow their instructions for use. A generic adhesive may not bond the vinyl planks to the floor properly.
6. Cut a vinyl plank in half to begin your second line of planks. Use a vinyl tile cutter (recommended) or a utility knife and a T-square to cut the plank at a 90-degree angle to its length. Use this half plank to start the next line. Staggering the vinyl planks creates a more authentic wood appearance. Alternate each line with a full-length and a half-length plank. At the opposite end of the room you will need to install partial planks to finish off each plank line. Measure each space carefully and cut the pieces the same way.
7. Locate any gaps between planks. Don't worry about finding gaps because there are always small uneven spots in a floor. Use a putty knife to fill gaps with wood putty and wipe away any excess.
8. Use a floor roller to ensure all planks are firmly bonded to the floor. Replace thresholds and baseboards or cove molding to finish up installing your vinyl plank flooring.

After the Install:

1. For a minimum of 24 hours after your new vinyl floor is installed, don't walk on the seamed areas.
2. To allow the adhesives to setup properly, keep the room at 68 degrees F or warmer for at least two days.
3. Ventilate the area well for 48 to 72 hours.