



## How to install Cork Floor Tiles

### Instructions

#### Storage

- Products must be kept inside the package in a dry and well ventilated environment for 48 hours before starting the installation.
- Keep the temperature from 18°C to 28 °C and the relative humidity from 35% to 65%, to acclimatize the product.
- Because cork is a natural product, cork pavements are subject to hue variation. To achieve a more pleasant effect we advise mixing the products before applying them.
- We do not recommend the use of cork pavements in highly humid places
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#### Preparation

Preparing the underlay is essential for a successful installation. The key to success installing a pavement is to achieve a good connection between the underlay and the flooring. An adequate surface preparation is the single most important factor to achieve that bond. The surfaces to be covered must be flat, clean and well dried, to allow good adherence. Underlay irregularities must be eliminated with repair putty and then sanded. Therefore, the surface must be clean and free of oil, grease, dirt, plaster, dust, paint, or any product which may act as a contaminator.

#### Installation: quick and simple

- Before installing, the tiles must be checked. If you find any flaws, please do not install them and inform the supplier.
- To get a good tile distribution, please find the middle point of the floor and make 2 straight lines, to mark the centre of the surface to layer.
- Mark the place of the 1<sup>st</sup> tile, seeking the best fitting in both directions from the centre of the lines of the flooring to layer.
- Tiles must then be placed either in a square shape or in a rectangular shape, with gaps between the joints.
- The flooring is placed with water-based contact glue.
- Before applying the glue, please read the manufacturer's instructions carefully to know how much glue to apply and the time it takes to glue properly
- Use a spreader to spread the glue onto small areas of the underlay and on the back of the tiles.
- Avoid leaving excess glue. In case this happens, clean all excess glue from the tiles.



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- When the glue has dried, place the tile without pressing too hard.
- Press the tiles with a rubber mallet or a paint roller.
- Cut the tiles near the wall.
- Clean all excess glue.
- After the flooring is installed, pass a paint roller on the whole surface to guarantee a proper adherence to the underlay.
- We recommend the cork tiles be varnished after installation (seals joints and avoids wearing out).
- If the applied flooring is of natural cork only with sanded surface, we recommend 3 layers of varnish.
- Do not clean or step on the floor during 24 hours.

## **Maintenance and special care**

- Vacuum and clean the flooring with a soft and slightly damp cloth and soft deter. Avoid over-wetting.
- Put felt protection under feet of any furniture or chairs that may damage the flooring
- If you need to perform any construction works in the room where the pavement has previously been installed, cover it with craft paper, plastic or any other proper material.
- Never use latex or adherent carpets, for they may leave permanent stains on the flooring.
- As a natural product, cork tends to fade when exposed to sunlight. Use blinds, curtains or similar systems to minimize these effects.

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