

CARPET TILE WHOLESALE

Carpet Tile Fitting Guide



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Introduction

We have written this Carpet Tile Fitting Guide to help you fit your carpet tiles easily whilst saving you the hassle and expense of finding and paying for a professional floor layer.

If you need any advice at all, just get in touch. We're always happy to help.

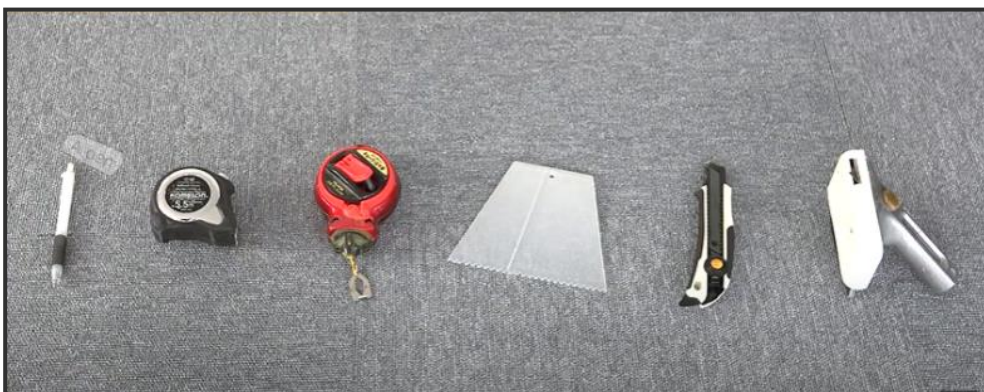
We stock thousands of brand new, top-quality carpet tiles in our stock ranges. All the manufacturers we deal with support repeat orders, meaning you can always buy more tiles if you want to do another area later. There is no upper limit to the number of tiles you can order, so it's easy to get fixed up with the right tile.

If you're on a tight budget, we also carry huge stocks of clearance and recycled tiles which always work out cheaper and can look just as good. The only thing with the clearance and recycled carpet tiles is that you need to make sure we have enough in stock to finish your job. We can't get more of these tiles, so they sold on a 'once they're gone – they're gone' basis!

Have a look at our website for lots of other helpful hints and tips and to see everything we stock:
www.carpettilewholesale.co.uk

Things You'll Need

- Carpet tiles
- Carpet tile adhesive tub or spray tin
- Adhesive spreader
- Measuring tape
- Chalk and chalk line reel or straight edge and pencil for marking out
- Stanley knife
- Sweeping brush
- Levelling compound for uneven floors



Simple Steps to Lay Carpet Tiles

Follow the simple steps below to achieve a professional-looking finish.

Note: Prepare the materials and things you'll need before you start your installation.

1. Prepare The Sub-Floor:

Firstly, clean and level the sub-floor to repair or rectify any cracks, holes, unevenness, dampness, or dust issues before laying the carpet tiles.

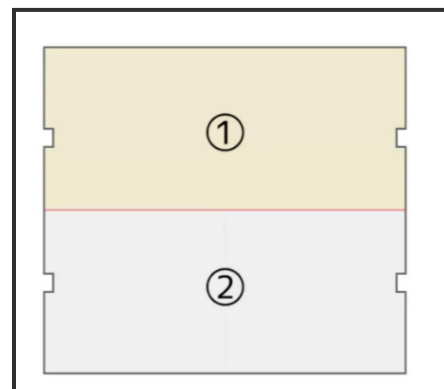
Ask us if you need any advice if you think your sub-floor is damp or uneven. If you don't get this stage right, the floor you lay won't look good or wear well.



Note: You can either sweep the floor or use a vacuum cleaner to lift any loose dirt or dust.

2. Mark Out the Area:

Measure up and find the centre of the area and mark a centre-cross with a chalk line or make a pencil mark and use the 'straight-edge' to mark the cross. Start from the middle but if the centre-line makes the tile division difficult or you're going to be left with cut tiles in the door-ways, offset the drawn centre-line to better fit the tiling layout.



Note: Don't start along a wall because if the wall runs out of true, so will the carpet tiles.

3. Apply The Adhesive:

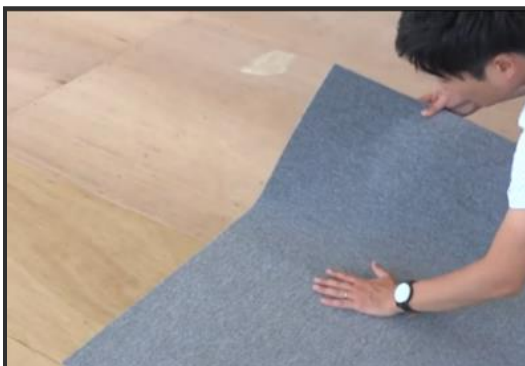
If you are using a tub of adhesive, spread it evenly onto the sub-floor in a thin layer and wait for it to go tacky before you start to lay the tiles. Whereas if you are using a tin of spray adhesive, spray the sub-floor with the adhesive as you go and lay the tiles straight away.



Note: Make sure you spread or spray the adhesive carefully and don't get any adhesive on the walls when you get near the edges.

4. Stick Down the Carpet Tiles:

Start to lay the carpet tiles from the centre of your area using the centre-cross as your guide. Then take the carpet tiles one by one and carry on laying them in the same (broadloom) direction or in a quarter-turn (checkerboard) direction.



Note: Make sure you lay each tile as close as possible and form a 'perfect cross' with the tiles next to the one you're laying.

5. Trimming The Edges:

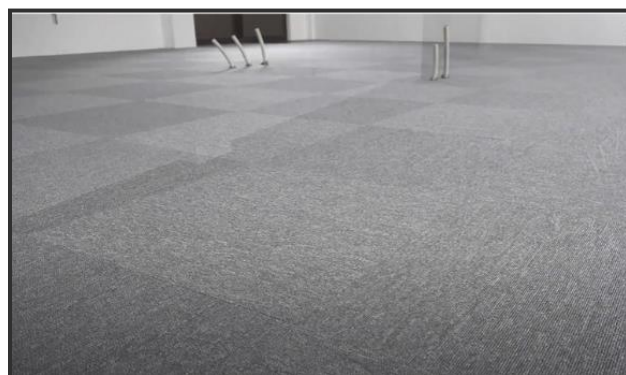
To trim a carpet tile to neatly fit the space at the edge of an area, move a full tile against the wall. Place another full tile on top of that tile and cut along the overlapped line using a Stanley knife. Move the full tile into the original full gap and the cut tile into the small gap with the cut edge of the tile facing towards the wall.



Note: You can trim around columns and other shapes by making a paper template to use as a guide.



6. Final Step: Once you've finished laying all the tiles, stand back and admire your handiwork and know that you've saved a few pounds by having a go yourself.



Care and Maintenance Instructions

- An effective vacuuming routine is essential to keep your carpet tiles looking great.
- Make sure you only clean your tiles with a recommended carpet tile cleaning product.
- Try to lift any spots or spills by dabbing with a damp cloth as soon as they happen.
- Make sure you clean any stains by working from the outside into the middle so that you don't spread the mark.
- Avoid using too much moisture during cleaning, use liquids and cleaning products sparingly.

And Finally

- It's best practice to acclimatize your new carpet tiles in similar conditions to where they'll be laid for at least 24 hours before installation if you can.
- Make sure you use the correct type and amount of carpet tile adhesive.
- Always try to keep a few spares somewhere safe to replace any damaged or stained tiles with new ones in case of spills or other unfortunate events in the future.
- And good luck!



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