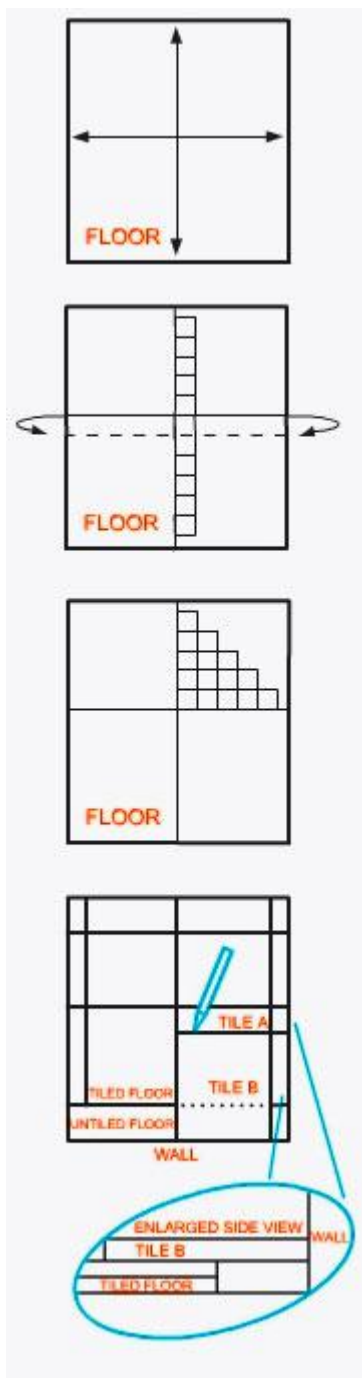


**Note:** For best results, store tile at room temperature of at least 68°F for 48 to 72 hours prior to installation. Open each carton. Don't stack the tile cartons. Installation surface should also be maintained at about 68°F.



### INSTRUCTIONS for Self-adhesive Vinyl Flooring:

To Determine How Many Tiles are Needed:

Measure the length and width of the room to be tiled. If the room has alcoves or offsets, measure these sections separately. You will need about ten percent extra to cover mistakes, trimming, and for future possible damage. NOTE: If using tiles from two or more packages, check to be sure all Pattern and Run numbers are the same to avoid shade variations.

### Tools Required:

. Scissors/Utility knife . Chalk line . Pencil . Paper or cardboard for tracing irregular shapes

### Surface Prepared:

The existing floor is the surface on which the new, vinyl tiles will be installed, It must be carefully prepared for successful installation. The entire surface must be clean, smooth and level.

Requirements for preparing specific surfaces are **provided below:**

. Concrete: Must be dry, clean, well cured, and on or above grade. If painted, paint must be completely dry. Fill all cracks and holes with a suitable, latex crack filler.

. Wood: Make sure that all planks are securely nailed down. Surface should be clean and free of dirt, dust, varnish, paint, grease and wax, countersink nail heads and fill in holes and cracks with latex crack filler.

. Resilient/Vinyl: Must have a smooth surface and be well bonded. Remove all dust, dirt, grease and wax. Do not install tiles over cushioned vinyl rubber flooring. This type of flooring must be removed or covered with plywood. Fill in holes and cracks with latex crack filler.

Do not attempt to install vinyl tile over these surfaces:

- . Particleboard, chipboard, or flake board
- . Concrete surfaces below grade
- . Embossed, resilient floors or cushioned floors
- . Radiant heated floors
- . Surfaces in any location where moisture may be a problem
- . Any outdoor surface

### To Install:

1. If necessary, pry up wood moldings around the perimeter of the floor so that tile can be placed underneath during installation.
2. To eliminate small cuts around the edges and to leave a uniform border, find the center of the room before you begin. To do this, treat

the room as a rectangle(disregarding offsets, alcoves, etc.). Snap a chalk line from the center points of the end walls. At the center of this line, use a carpenter's square or tile to draw a second chalk line perpendicular to the first and extend this line to the side walls. The center of the room is where these two chalk lines intersect.

3. Start placing tile at the center point, following the chalk lines (see illustration3). Do not slide tiles into place. Peel off the protective paper, carefully set each tile in place, and press down firmly. For best appearance, install tiles with the arrows on the back all pointing in the same direction.

**NOTE:** To prevent damage, do not attempt to slide or move tiles once in place.

4. Install tiles over one quarter of the floor at a time. Don't install cut (border) tile around the edges of the room until the main area has been covered.

5. To fit border tiles, first place a loose tile directly over the last whole tile closest to the wall. Then put another tile against the wall overlapping the tile to be cut, make a mark, then cut the tile (see illustration 4). Check to see if the fit is acceptable before removing protective paper and setting the tile in place. Slide the tile under moldings and trim when necessary.

6. To fit tile around obstacles, first mark the pattern on paper, then trace onto tile(see illustration 5). Leave paper on tile and cut with paper side up using scissors or a straight edge and utility knife. Check to see if the fit is acceptable before removing protective paper and setting the tile in place.

**NOTE:** Do not place tile on floor to cut when using a utility knife. Blade may go through and damage floor or other newly placed tiles.

**CAUTION:**The protective paper on the back of self-stick tiles is extremely slippery. Dispose of this paper immediately after removing it from each tile. Do not stand or walk on tiles from which this paper has not yet been removed.

**CARE:** You may walk on your vinyl tile floor immediately after installing. Do not wash the floor for 48 to 72 hours after installation.

Vinyl tile floors require minimum care. here are a few tips:

- . Remove dirt by sweeping, damp mopping, or vacuuming regularly.
- . Do not clean with heavy, abrasive cleaning products
- . Use furniture leg protectors
- . Clean occasionally with an appropriate vinyl tile cleaner.

**CAUTION:** DO NOT WAX. THIS WILL MAKE THE SURFACE VERY SLIPPERY WHICH MAY LEAD TO ACCIDENTS.