

Flexi-Tile Interlocking Floor Tile Installation

Flexi-Tiles Interlocking Floor Tiles are easy to install. They are made from recycled medical grade Polyvinyl which is extremely comfortable underfoot and requires very little maintenance. Flexi-tiles have a nonporous surface, are stain and chemical resistant and hypoallergenic. Flexi-tiles should be allowed to set at room temperature for 24 hours prior to installation. In some cases, where there are extreme variances in temperature or direct sunlight, Flexi-Tiles may need to be adhered to the subfloor.



Start by making sure your subfloor is clean, level and firm.



Measure the length and width of the room and divide the dimensions in two. Locate and mark the center of the room. This is the approximate starting point for the installation

Pre-Installation Checklist:

Clean, level and firm subfloor
Sharp knife and extra blades
Pencil
Straight edge
Rubber mallet
Cutting board
Tape measure



Fill in the four open areas of the cross. Lay the tiles in straight lines to insure a tight fit. Use a rubber mallet to tap the tile into place. After placing all of the full tile, cut in the edges leaving a 1/4 in gap between the wall and the tile.



Cutting the edge tiles should be done with a sharp razor blade knife. A good non-slip straight edge should be used to cut in the edge tile. It is better to make several light cuts than one heavy cut. Always cut the tile from the front. A cutting board should be used to prevent damage.

Cutting in Flexi-Tile Edges (Making Borders)



Edge To Be Trimmed In

Step One:

Install all of the full tiles that can be laid in the center of the floor, leaving approximately the same space around the perimeter on all four sides of the room

The tiles in the center are called field tiles and the tiles around the perimeter are called edge tiles.

Step Two:

Lay a second full tile exactly over the last field tile laid.



Tile To Be Trimmed Over Boarding Field Tile



Create a Measurement Tile

Step Three:

Making a measurement tile.

Cut the interlocking edge off of one side of one tile plus an additional 1/4". This is now your *measurement tile*.

(The 1/4 inch space is to allow the finished edge tile space to expand and contract.)

Step Four:

Place the *measurement tile* over the tile to be trimmed as seen in picture to the right.

Cut the edge tile at the point of the overlapped tile as seen below.



Place Measurement Tile Over Tile To Be Trimmed



Cut the Edge Tile Using the Measurement Tile as a straight edge.

Step Five:

Cutting the edge tile.

It is best to do two scribe cuts on top of the tile, and then bend the tile at the scribe. The scribe point will open up leaving a clear cut line.

Finish cutting the tile by placing the knife on the backside of the tile at the scribe point and gently push the knife blade away from your body. This will make a clean cut with the least amount of effort.

Step Six:

Tap the Edge Piece Into Place.

After trimming your edge tile, tap it into place. Repeat this process around the room. You will find that after you make your first edge tile you will be able to trim in a room very quickly.

Tips:

1. Change your knife blade frequently.
2. Place several or all of the tile to be trimmed on each wall over the last field tile laid, then just slide your measurement tile along the wall or base board marking all the tiles as you move along each wall. You can mark the tiles to be cut in minutes.
3. After the edge tile is in place there should be a 1/4" gap between the wall and the tile to allow for expansion. When putting back the baseboard or quarter round make sure that it is not placed too tightly on top of the edge tile.



Tap The Edge Tile In Place

Cutting In Stairs

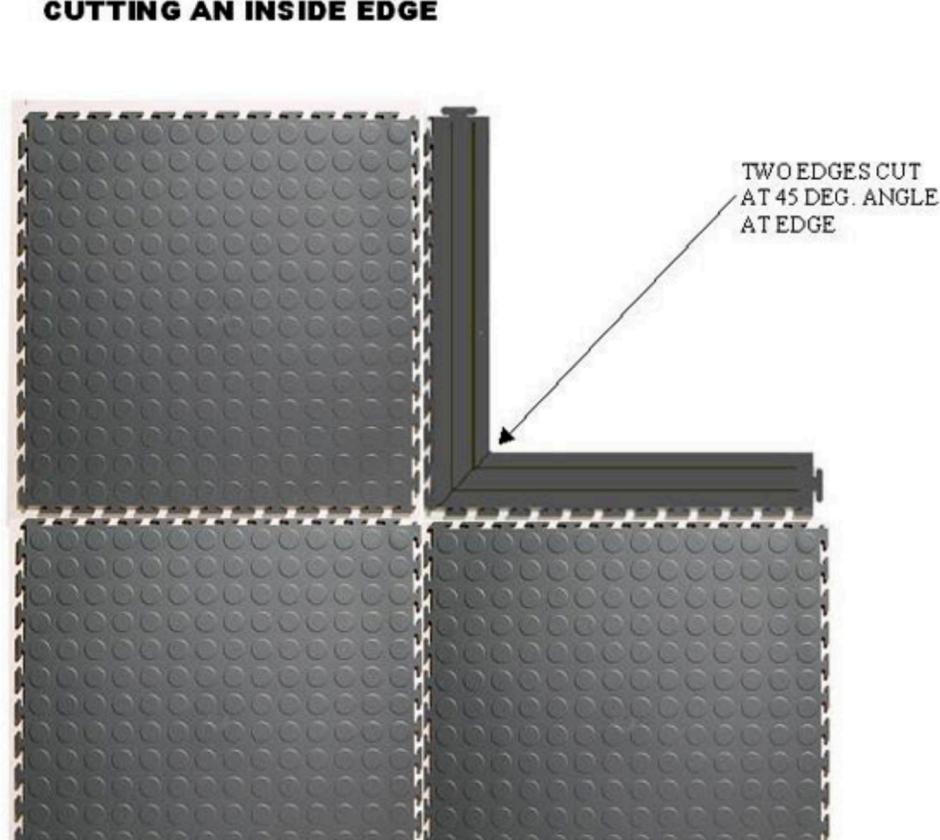


Steps can be easily cut in:

- Trim off the interlocking edge of the tile to be used. Measure the height of the riser and mark the tile from the edge just trimmed. If your cut is going to fall in the middle of an interlocking edge move the cutting mark in-between the interlock.
- Score the tile on the top and bend over the edge of the step.
- Measure the step and mark your tile from the edge of the score mark to the back of the tile.
- Cut the tile and glue it in place.
- Glue the tile in place by using a non-hardening adhesive in a caulking tube like Liquid Nails or Polyseamseal Adhesive. For larger areas use Parabond - Solvent Free Acrylic Wall Base Adhesive.
- Repeat this process for each step.

Cutting An Inside Edge Piece

CUTTING AN INSIDE EDGE



TWO EDGES CUT AT 45 DEG. ANGLE AT EDGE