

HARLEQUIN HI-SHINE INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

American Harlequin endeavors to ensure every roll of flooring is sent to you in pristine condition, however, mistakes in orders or coloration differences may occur. **BEFORE** you cut or use any flooring, please inspect your entire order and refer to the American Harlequin return policy.

GENERAL

Thoroughly sweep your sub floor to remove grit and dust before laying down your new Harlequin floor. An excellent precaution is to follow this by wrapping a damp cloth around the broom. Before cutting and/or taping your floor, we always recommend that you unroll it and let it "relax" for at least 48 hours at room temperature (approximately 65° F [18° C]) to remove the stretching tension which may result from the packing of the roll at our mill. If you need to make a preliminary cut to have enough space to "relax" your floor, leave an extra inch or two for every 25 feet in the unlikely case of shrinkage. This will be of particular importance if you will be cutting tight to walls or obstructions (like pillars). Then, after your floor has "relaxed", you may make your final cut.

CUTTING

If you are cutting a long roll into shorter lengths fully unroll it first and check the full length. Harlequin will not be responsible for discrepancies after the roll has been cut. Always keep the roll labels for the rare case that there may be some problem with the floor. Cutting your Harlequin floor is really very easy, so long as you proceed slowly and carefully. First, draw a straight pencil line across the flooring at the point you will be cutting. Use a straight edge to draw your line and carefully cut the roll along the straight pencil line with a sharp craft or linoleum knife. Then the two pieces can easily be separated by hand.

DOUBLE-SIDED TAPE APPLICATION

1. Unroll all the floor rolls that you have previously cut to measure in the direction of the lay of the floor (length or width wise). Make sure that they are laid straight.
2. Starting from the side of the room opposite the entrance, lift half of the first laid strip of floor and flip it onto the part of the floor which still lays flat on the sub floor.
3. As the first strip is now partially lifted and flipped backwards on its half-length, remove the bottom protection strip of the double-sided tape and fix the tape onto the floor by aligning it with the adjacent strip of vinyl. The double-sided tape will be fixed to each side of the seams between the two floor strips.
4. Now lay the previously lifted strip of vinyl floor onto the upper protection strip of the double-sided adhesive (without removing the strip).
5. Repeat steps 1 and 2 to attach the second part of the first roll.
6. The whole length of the first strip has now been unrolled and affixed.
7. Starting from one of the two ends of the first laid strip of vinyl, remove the upper protection strip of the double-sided tape and gently push on the vinyl floor to fix it to the tape.
8. The first strip of vinyl floor has now been fixed.
9. Repeat steps 1 to 7 until all the remaining strips have been fixed.

If you have any questions regarding the installation or maintenance of your Harlequin floor, please contact us at 800-642-6440.