

Fitting Instructions for Wool Carpets

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General

All fitting should be carried out by a professional and fitted in accordance with BS5325.

Correct materials should be used, a good quality short pin gripper for flat weaves and low loops, a medium pin for the larger loops and hand made.

Level and supporting underlay is preferable such as a dense PU or a crumb rubber.

Fitting

After cleaning the subfloor, fitting starts by fixing the gripper around the perimeter of the room, leaving a gap of approximately two thirds the thickness of material.

Please note, on the thicker handmade ranges the gap should remain at 6-8mm.

On the handmade ranges such as Barefoot it is advisable to double bank the gripper, this will help to keep the tension when doing a final trim.

Once the gripper is in place the underlay can be laid, stapled and cut to the back of the grippers. Joins should be taped.

The carpet can be laid in place ensuring it is straight to the room. It can then be rough cut in, leaving approximately 10mm for the final trim.

Carpet can then be anchored and stretched in traditional manner to create a suitable tension. Once you are happy that this has been achieved, the final trimming can take place leaving a suitable amount to create a neat tuck down.

Trimming can either be done from the face with a knife or trimmer. Alternatively, on some of the chunkier carpets, from the back with a knife.

The stretch fit system should be achievable on all carpets up to 20m², some of the softer backed ones will be able to stretch fit to a larger size.

Stairs

Stairs can be fitted in the traditional way, adjusting the gap in the gripper to match the thickness of the carpet. Underlay is laid, fitting side to side and gripper to gripper and stapled.

The carpet is cut to width and a seam sealer is applied to the edges and allowed to dry. This will prevent any fraying.

The carpet is then then laid and bolstered in to the grippers to create tension. On some carpets, particularly those with stiffer backs you may also need to stick the carpet to the underlay on the treads.

Please Note

On some of the flatwoven carpets, the Barefoot Collection and carpets with a stiffer backs, it is worth considering using the double stick method, particularly above 20m².

Double sticking is started in the same way with fixing the gripper, then using a suitable double stick underlay fix it with either a tackifier or by stapling at 150mm centres. The carpet is then laid out and roughed in as before. Fold back about halfway and apply a recommended adhesive with a correct notch trowel to the underlay. Carpet is then placed into the adhesive and a 'glyda' is pushed over to ensure a good transfer of the adhesive. This is then repeated with the other half. Final trimming can then be done as before.

Attempting to join or seam the flatweave wool products (Wool Iconic, Crafty, Herringbone) is not recommended. Where possible always install a single width.