

Windsor Plywood FLOORING INSTALLATION HELPFUL HINTS

Prefinished Flooring Installation Tips from the Pro's at Windsor!



The instructions which accompany most hardwood flooring usually includes the text "it is the responsibility of the installer and owner to inspect all flooring prior to installation. Flooring which is flawed or is of unacceptable quality should not be installed".

1. THE INSPECTION

Before starting your installation, open a few random boxes of flooring and carefully examine the wood. This is the time to inspect the quality of the wood, ensure the finish is consistent and get a sense of what the floor will look like once installed.

2. THE RACK

The best way to set a standard for a floor is to rack it. The term "Racking" refers to the laying of the floor out before nailing it down. This lets you preview the installation and sort out any boards where the grain or appearance disrupts the overall impression. This practice is more difficult to do in a "glue down" installation. What we recommend is to inspect the boards in the box and any questionable ones put aside. You should count on the occasional defective board. The typical defect allowance set by the wood flooring manufacturers for cutting and waste is 5%. Those boards are less visible installed inside closets, under appliances or behind draperies. If that's not an option, simply discard the boards. Not every piece in the box must be utilized.

3. THE REVIEW

Within the first 20 square feet you have established the standard for the job. You can see what the finished product looks like and there is no reason the standard should change. If subsequent boxes have boards which contain wild colours, knots or a cloudy finish, these boxes should be considered abnormal. If you complete a section and in retrospect it looks like a bad board was used - replace it before moving on. It is far easier to replace it then and there than making a return trip at a later date.

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