PRONTO™

LUXURY VINYL TILES

LIGHTNING FAST

EVERYDAY PROOF

TIMELESSLY STYLISH

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RECOMMENDED TOOLS
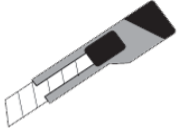
UTILITY KNIFE	PENCIL	SPACERS/WEDGES	T-SQUARE
TAPE MEASURE	RUBBER MALLET	PULL BAR	UNDERLAY FOR OUR MULTI-CLICK RANGE OF LVT

PLANNING

Luxury Vinyl Tiles expand and contract with temperature changes so it is important to ACCLIMATISE the planks for up to 48 hours in the room in which it is to be fitted.

This is done by simply laying the unopened packs flat in the room allowing air to circulate around each of the packs.

Be aware that heavy, large area furniture which is fixed through the floor substrate, such as some kitchen islands, should not be placed on top of LVT flooring. You must plan to fit LVT around such items leaving a sufficient movement gap around the perimeter.

SUBSTRATE PREPARATION

Suitable for use on concrete and wooden substrates, it is important that the surface of the substrate is flat, level, clean and free from any debris. Damaged or uneven substrates must be corrected before installation.

Using a spirit level, check the floor is level in both directions, the floor should have a variation in level of no more than 5mm with a 3m area.

LAYOUT

Where possible, boards should be installed lengthways towards the main incoming light source (window) preferably along the length of the longest wall.

Measure the width of the room and divide this by the width of the Luxury Vinyl Tile. From this calculation, if the width of the final row of boards is going to be less than 70mm you will need to trim the width of the first row so the final row exceeds a width of 70mm.

CUTTING

Our Pronto Luxury Vinyl Tiles are extremely easy to cut by firmly scoring the plank or the tile 2-3 times with a utility knife whilst the tile is face up. Ensure you have scored through all layers of the vinyl allowing you to split the plank easily and neatly.

Once you have snapped through the main core of the vinyl plank or tile, you may need to cut through the additional underlay using the utility knife.

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2G CLICK SYSTEM

The 2G click system is a simple and easy fitting solution where each plank or tile is easily clicked into position at an angle with the short end being fitted first.

It is essential to leave a minimum 6mm expansion joint between the vinyl flooring and the wall, this allows the vinyl floor to expand and contract with changes in temperature and can be achieved by using vinyl tile expansion spacers.

Begin by laying out the first row and fitting the short edges of each plank or tile at an angle, then drop the tile locking them together.

Use any cut offs (minimum 30cm) to start the next row.

For the next row(s), angle the long end of the vinyl and push it into the open seam, before locking down.

Fit the next plank across the short edge at an angle and click both planks into the long edges of the previous row.

Gently press the planks into place until the joints click together.

You may need to gently tap the joints using a rubber mallet to ensure the surface is flat and the joint is locked together.
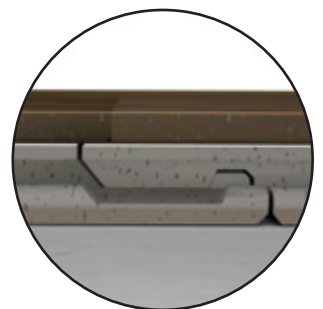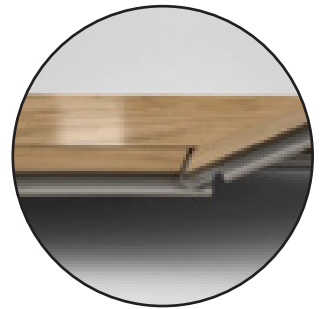
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5Gi CLICK SYSTEM

Our 5Gi click system, makes installation fast and simple even in tricky and restricted spaces. Push down end joints need less positioning, providing strong and stable connections.

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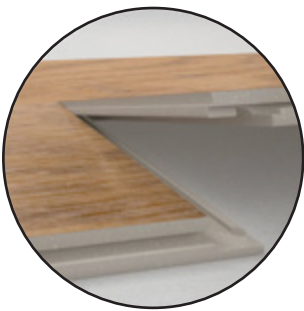

Lay the first row by positioning the short end of a plank with the previous plank ensuring the front and back edge line up accurately.


Fold the board down with a single movement from back to front ensuring the joint "clicks" and locks.

Continue the first row by dropping each short edge into the short edge of the previous plank.

Use any off-cuts, minimum of 40cm, to start the next row.

For the next row(s), at an angle place the long edge of the tile or plank into the long edge groove of the previously laid row and slowly drop the plank or tile into place, locking the joint together.
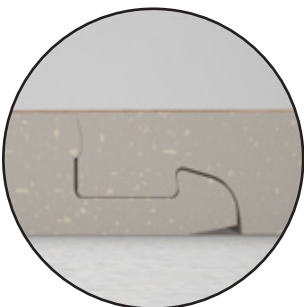
If not the first board of a row, place the board tight to the short end of the previous board and drop down in a single movement from back to front ensuring the joint "clicks" and locks correctly.
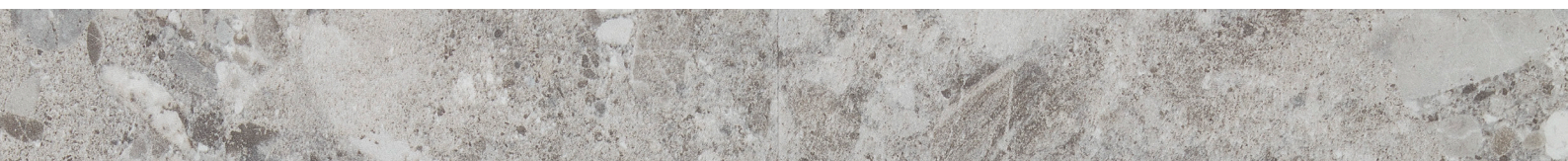
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I4F CLICK SYSTEM

The I4F click system combines a "click4U" angle system on the long edge and a "3Ltriplelock" drop loc system on the short end providing a quick and easy installation method which is stable and durable.

It is essential to leave a minimum <u>6mm</u> expansion joint between the vinyl flooring and the wall, this allows the vinyl floor to expand and contract with changes in temperature and can be achieved by using vinyl tile expansion spacers.

Begin with a small board at the start of the first row placing this close to the wall.

Then take a long board and immediately begin the second row by angling the long edge into the seam of the first board and lowering the board to lock it in place.

Taking a third board, continue the first row by angling the long edge into the top seam of the board below moving the board so the short edge lines up with the short edge of the first board.

Using a soft rubber mallet tap the short edge to secure the boards.

Continue alternating boards on rows 1 and 2.

Use an off-cut, minimum of 30cm, to start the 3rd row.

Alternating rows is not required once the first 2 rows are completed.

Always start by fitting the long side first and sliding the boards until the short ends are in contact, then lock the short ends together using a soft rubber mallet.
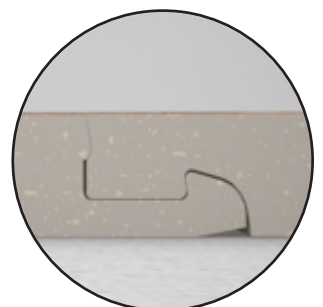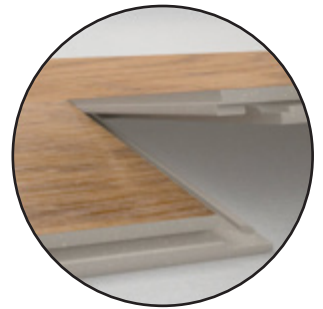
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MULTI-CLICK SYSTEM

The Multi-Click Luxury Vinyl Tile range uses a MultiFit system which has 4-sided identical locks allowing you to install the boards faster than a traditional click system.

It is essential to leave a minimum 8mm expansion joint between the vinyl flooring and the wall, this allows the vinyl floor to expand and contract with changes in temperature and can be achieved by using vinyl tile expansion spacers.

The use of our Dream-Tex+ underlay is advised with the Multi-Click flooring range.
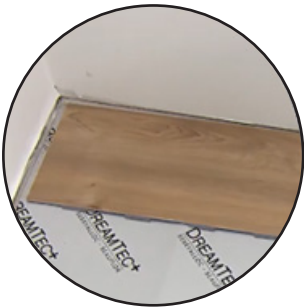
For the first board on the first row, remove the locks on the long and short side that will face the wall.

For the remaining boards on the first row remove the locks on the long side that will face the wall.
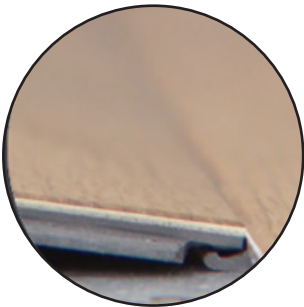
At an angle, slide the short edge into the short edge of the previous board and lay flat to lock into place.

Use any off-cuts, minimum of 30cm, to start the next row.

For the next row(s), at a slight angle slide the locking tabs on the long edge of the first board into the spaces between the locking tabs of the previous row and lay flat.

For the remaining boards on the row, first start by sliding the short edges together first then fix the long edge.
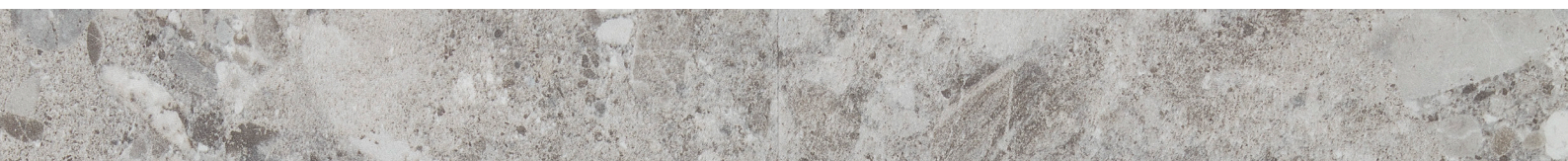
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HERRINGBONE CLICK SYSTEM

The Herringbone range uses a two plank click system to easily create the iconic herringbone pattern which adds a timeless style to any room.

Due to the number of cuts required to achieve this design, an extra 10% should be ordered to ensure you have sufficient boards to complete the area.

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MARK OUT THE FLOOR
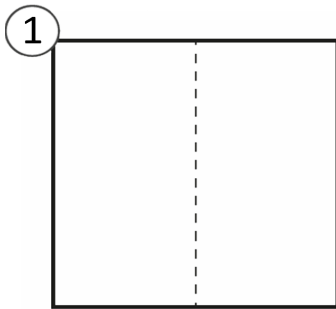
Measure the centre of the room and draw a line on the substrate lengthways down the centre of the room (1).
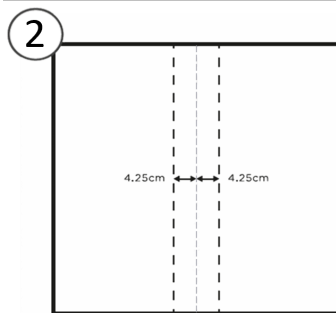
Generally, herringbone looks good flowing down the length of a room towards a focal point such as a window or doorway so consideration should be given regarding the direction of the centre line.

Measure 4.25cm either side of the centre line and draw these lines onto the substrate (2).

CONNECTING THE PLANKS
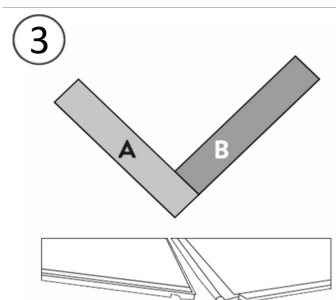
Each box of Herringbone LVT contains both A and B planks.

Separate the A and B planks into piles; each plank is identified by an A or B marked on the click join on the underside of the plank.

The planks are clicked together by taking an A plank and clicking it to the short end of a B plank (3).

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CREATING THE STARTING TRIANGLES

To create a starting triangle, take an A and a B plank and click the end of the A plank into the short side of the B plank (3).

Then attach a B plank followed by an A plank, then another B plank until you have 3 B planks on the right and 2 A planks on the left (4).

Using a straight edge, mark a line across the planks from the outer corner of the last B plank to the edge of the last A plank (5).

Unclick the planks in the reverse order from how they were assembled. Once unclicked cut across the marked lines (6).

Keep the planks close to their original position so you know where they go when reassembling.

Click the pieces back together in the same order as above to create a triangle, as shown.
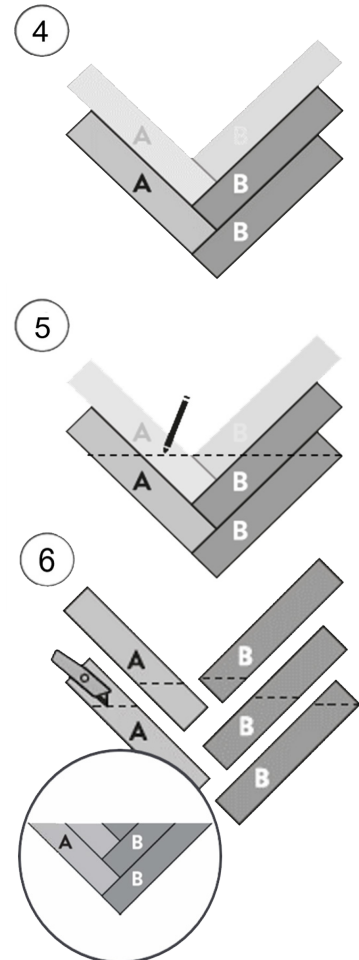
STARTING THE FIRST ROW

Place the first triangle so that the corners of each plank run exactly along the two outer lines drawn on the substrate. This will ensure the flooring is central to the room (7).

Always ensure a 6mm expansion gap is maintained around the perimeter of the room, the use of Roberts Vinyl expansion spacers can help achieve this.
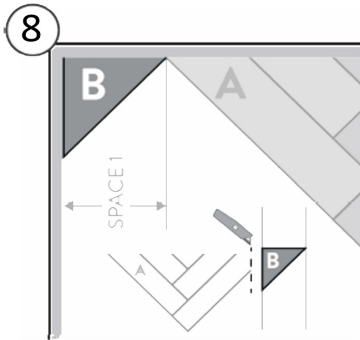
Repeat the above steps to create more starting triangles and place these side by side working out from the centre triangle until the first row is complete, as shown.

Keep checking to make sure the centre triangle points remain on the lines drawn on the substrate to ensure the flooring remains central to the room.
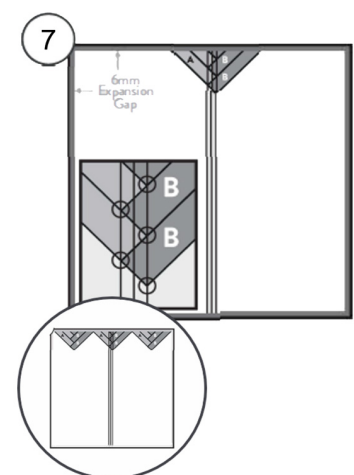
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FINISHING THE FIRST ROW

For the corners on the first row, measure the distance between the left wall and the edge of the nearest complete triangle, ensuring that a minimum 6mm expansion gap is maintained around the edge of the room (8).

Create a starting triangle as per steps 4-6 and mark the required space on the right hand side of the new triangle. A set square will help to ensure a straight line.

Cut the planks along the mark and fit into the left corner of the room.
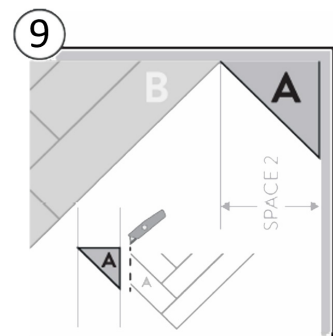

Repeat the above steps for the right corner by measuring the space between the right wall and the edge of the nearest complete triangle, ensuring a 6mm expansion gap is maintained (9).

Mark the space on the left hand side of a new triangle then cut the planks and fit into the right corner.

A pull bar is recommended to fully lock the final piece of each row into place.
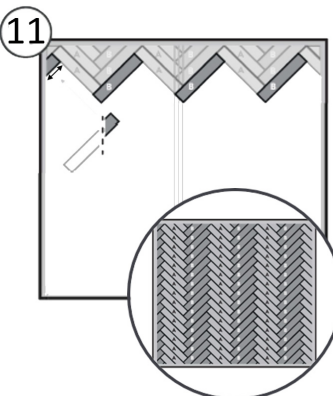
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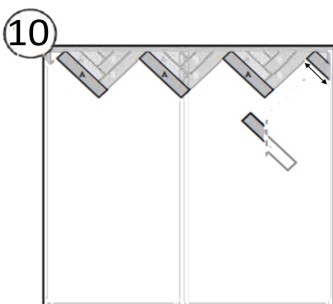
Working from left to right click only A planks (10).

The point of the A plank on the centre triangle should line up with the left line drawn on the substrate.

For the final A plank, measure from the inner point of the triangle corner to the right wall ensuring a 6mm expansion gap is maintained.

Mark this measurement on the plank and cut, using an off cut can help here to ensure a 45o angle on the plank.

Click the plank into place.

Now work from right to left clicking in only B planks and follow the same steps as above for the final B plank (11).

Repeat these steps until you reach the other end of the room.

When completing the final rows, measure, cut and click together the planks in the same way as outlined in steps 8 & 9 to complete the room.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHICH RANGES REQUIRE ADDITIONAL UNDERLAY?

Only the Multi-Click range of LVT requires additional underlay, all other ranges have underlay built in.

CAN YOU USE ADDITIONAL UNDERLAY WITH RANGES THAT HAVE UNDERLAY ALREADY BUILT IN?

No, using additional underlay with the LVT ranges with already built in underlay will cause fitting issues, only use additional underlay with our Multi-Click range of LVT.

CAN YOU USE UFH WITH PRONTO LUXURY VINYL TILES?

Yes, Pronto Luxury Vinyl Tiles are suitable for both water and electric radiant heat UFH systems.

If using an electric based UFH system it is essential that the heating element is embedded in a suitable screed to ensure the heat is dispersed sufficiently across the flooring to avoid hot spots and damage to your vinyl tiles.

Always seek guidance from your UFH manufacturer before using it with Pronto Luxury Vinyl Tiles.

WHY IS IT NECESSARY TO LEAVE AN EXPANSION GAP AROUND THE ROOM?

As with any tiling installation, LVT also requires an expansion joint around the perimeter of an area to allow for any substrate movement or thermal expansion. The expansion gap provides space for the LVT planks/tiles to expand into and prevent the floor from tenting or lifting.

The use of vinyl tile expansion spacers will help ensure the correct expansion joints are maintained during installation.

DO I NEED AN EXPANSION GAP AROUND FIXED FURNITURE?

Heavy, permanently fixed furniture, such as kitchen islands that are secured through the kitchen floor, should not be placed on top of LVT flooring. This is because LVT should remain a "floating floor" and placing an item on top which is then secured to the kitchen floor will mean the LVT is no longer "floating" and will likely cause issues.

Large appliances such as fridges, washing machines and freezers are fine as they are not fixed permanently to the kitchen floor.

IS IT 100% WATERPROOF AND SUITABLE FOR BATHROOMS?

Our LVT is suitable for use in bathrooms as it features a 100% waterproof core meaning that any water ingress will not damage the core base of the planks/tiles. However, LVT does not create a waterproof seal and so should not be used to waterproof a room or be used in a wet room.

CAN YOU USE LVT IN A CONSERVATORY?

No, we do not recommend fitting LVT in a conservatory as temperatures under direct sunlight can exceed the maximum temperatures for the product; especially if there are variances in temperature around the room resulting in some spaces being hot and others cold which will cause different areas to expand and contract at different rates.

HOW DO I MAINTAIN MY LVT FLOOR?

A vacuum or swivel head mop with replaceable cloth covers is recommended for removing finer dirt and grit from the floor. Thoroughly clean the floor using a suitable vinyl floor cleaner. Always ensure any spillages or tracked in dirt is wiped off the floor immediately.

Avoid dragging furniture or objects across the floor, use door mats at all external entrances and put protective pads under all furniture legs and feet to help protect the longevity of your floor.