# **☐ BuildDirect** | Instructions for Use • Luxury Carpet Tile

## **Getting Started**

These simple steps will make you a carpet master.

Keep in mind, your Luxury Carpet Tile (LCT) is not designed to go over carpeted floors or carpet padding. LCT is designed to cover existing hard surfaceflooring or sub-floor

#### **Tools You Will Need**

- Broom & dust pan
- Vacuum
- Tape measure
- T- square

- Marker
- Metal straight edge
- Utility knife
- Safety gloves.

#### Choose Your Installation Method

- FriXion Pads(Recommended)
- Double-Stick Tape

- Full Spread Adhesives
- Spray Adhesive

Your choice of installation method will require the purchase of the installation materials listed above. We recommend dry fitting the room and making cuts before applying a permanent or semi-permanent installation method.

## **LCT Install**

#### **Step 1 - Prepare your space**

Required tools - Broom & dust pan

Inspect your Luxury Carpet Tile (LCT) prior to installation. BuildDirect is not liable if defective productis installed. Please contact the seller to provide replacement materials if a tile is damaged.

#### **Installation Site Requirements**

The existing hard surface floor must be structurally sound, clean, dry, and level within 3/16" before you begin.

Proper installation depends on the proper site conditions. The following HVAC conditions must be maintained for 24 hours prior to, during, and permanently after installation:

- Temperature: The installation site, carpet must remain between 55° F & 85° F
- Humidity: The installation site's ambient relative humidity should not fall below 40% or exceed 70%

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### **Installation Site Requirements**

Sweep the floors and ensure they are free of dust, dirt,oil, grease, paint, curing agents, concrete sealers, loosely bonded toppings, loose particles, and any other substance

Acceptable substrates include:

- Previously installed hard surface flooring
- Plywood
- Underlayment grade particle board
- OSB
- Gypsum
- Concrete



### Step 2 - Measure

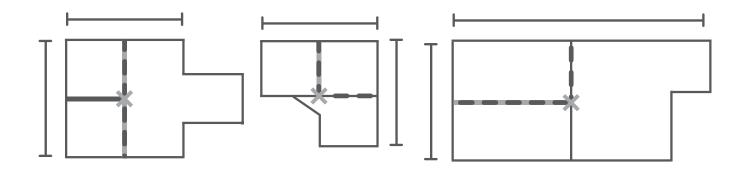
Required tools - Tape measure & marker

Start installation as close to the center of the room aspossible. To find the center of the room, follow the steps below:

- Locate the two longest, straightest walls.
- Use the tape measure to find the center of each wall.
- Measure a line from the center of each wall until the lines intersect. This will be the center of the room. Mark the center.
- Lay the straight edge along one axis near the center of the room as a guide.

### **Installation Tip**

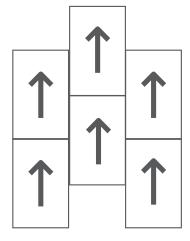
If you have a straight wall without a door way you can skip this step. Make sure that all of the tiles in the firstrow of LCT is in line with one another.



### Step 3 - Layout your space

### No tools required

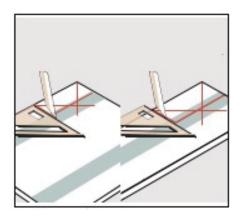
- Each tile has directional arrows on the back. These arrows allow for one-directional or multi-directional installation.
- Start in the center of the room, along the straight edge, or begin on a straight wall. Lay out the tiles using the directional arrows on the back of each tile.
- Slide tiles into position to prevent yarn from being trapped between the tiles. Trapped yarn will adversely affect the appearance of the installation and will cause alignment problems.
- As you approach the walls, you will have tiles that are too long or too short. Those will be cut in the next step for a perfect fit.



#### Step 4 - Make the cuts

Required tools - Metal straight edge, utility knife, safety gloves, vacuum

- Tiles must fit closely, but not be compressed.
- Stagger the end joints of each adjacent row no less that 12 inches.
- Cut pieces to fill in along the walls. Be mindful ofyour arrows and leave the cut edges to the wall.



- Measure and cut tiles from the back using a metal straight edge. Ensure arrows are pointing in the correct direction.
- Be sure to cut your tiles on a protected hard surface.
- Once all of your cuts are made and your space is completely covered you may begin to finalize your installation.
- Follow the installation process of your choice, FriXonPads, Double-sided Tape, Spray Adhesive or FullSpread Adhesive
- Vacuum the entire space and replace furniture. Note,be careful not to slide your furniture, but to lift and place in its intended location.

## **Using FriXion Pads**

- Position the FriXon Pads under the carpet tile with the hooks facing up. Note, if you are using the adhesive on the back of the FriXon Pads you willneed to peel the film just before this step. Be careful to keep the yarn out of the glue as you place the FriXon Pads under each end and side joint.
- After dry fitting the space and making your cuts, begin finding your seams. Lift each side of the LCT where it meets an end joint.



## **Using Double-Stick Tape**

After dry fitting the space and making your cuts, beginfinding your seams. Start with the end joint closest toone wall. Lift the end joints and sides of each tile, placing 6"- 8" strips near each corner and alongeach side. Be careful not to place the yarn into theadhesive.

# **Using Spray Adhesive or Full Spread Adhesive**

Please follow the spread rate, working times, and application guidelines located on each adhesive container. Please observe the approved substrates and conditions, as they may differ from BuildDirect Luxury Carpet Tile (LCT).