

## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR SONORA CARPET TILES

### IMPORTANT!

PLEASE READ BEFORE INSTALLATION

### Site conditions

Sonora carpet tiles are not intended for installation on walls or wet surfaces. The carpet tiles may expand or contract depending on the room temperature. The best environment in which the carpet tiles are to be installed is where the temperature is between 65°F and 95°F (18°C and 35°C) and the relative humidity between 10% and 65%. A PH range of 5-9 is satisfactory. Prior to installation, store the carpet tiles in the designated room for a minimum of 48 hours at regular room temperature.

### Floor preparation

Sonora carpet tiles can generally be installed over existing flooring, such as hardwood, laminate, linoleum, vinyl tile or concrete. The existing floor must be solid, securely attached, level and smooth, clean and dry, in order to ensure a uniformed, finished appearance and prevent accelerated wear. Carpet tiles should not be installed in areas that are wet, damp or over a surface where moisture could accumulate. Such conditions must be corrected before installation to prevent mould and mildew growth, which could deteriorate the indoor air quality.

### Tools and supplies

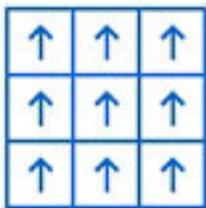
Measuring tape and/or ruler, Carpenter's square, pencil or chalk marker, utility knife fitted with a heavy duty blade, adhesive (dri-tac), u-notch trowel (to apply adhesive)

### Cutting Carpet Tiles

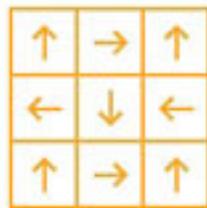
Always cut Sonora Carpet Tiles from the back. Using a Carpenter's square, score a line on the back of the carpet tile that is to be cut and cut along the reference line. The size of the cut carpet tile should not be less than half the size of the regular Carpet Tile. Otherwise it is not easy to secure it.

### Wall to wall installation

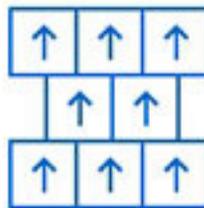
Determine the pattern you want to create. Please refer to below image for various design options.



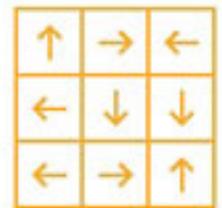
CLASSIC PATTERN



SECTIONAL PATTERN



STACKED PATTERN



FREE-DESIGN

Feel free to create a style of your own! Next, calculate the center of the room by measuring the length and width of the room and dividing the dimensions by two. Mark the center of the room with a pencil or chalk marker. Before applying adhesive begin to loose lay the Carpet Tiles from the center point of the room in both directions towards the wall. Make sure the Carpet Tiles that meet the wall will be at least half a full Carpet Tile in width as this will give a better looking installation. If the space between the Carpet Tile and the wall



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is less than half a Carpet Tile wide, adjust the center starting point as necessary to achieve this look. Make sure the quadrants you have created meet at right angles. Once you are satisfied with the result, you can apply the adhesive. You can then fill in each of the four quadrants you've created. Fit the Carpet Tiles tightly together by sliding them together and press firmly on the adhesive. Once you have completed the installation, vacuum clean the entire area. Over time, the seams between the Carpet Tiles will increasingly blend together, providing the Carpet Tiles are properly installed. Tip: To fit Carpet Tiles around a door jam, you can trim underneath the door jam so that the Carpet Tile can easily slide underneath.

### Creating an area rug

Determine the pattern you want to create. For better results, align the Sonora Carpet Tiles to wall or furniture. Without applying adhesive, begin to loose lay the Carpet Tiles. Use your Carpenter's square to ensure the Carpet Tiles are installed straight. Once you are satisfied with the result, you can apply the adhesive from each Carpet Tile and install them on the floor.

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