

Pre-Installation

Installation preparation & notes

1. Store packets of Woodland Lifestyle Bamboo Flooring 48-72 hours prior to installation [1]. Colour variations are a feature of this natural flooring, check they can be subtly incorporated into the overall flooring job by laying trial planks and mixing the packets up as any flooring professional would do.
2. Rubber mallet, Tapping block, 40-tooth or greater CARBIDE saw blade, Spacers (wood or plastic), Chalk line, Tape measure, Carpenter's square, Felt or resin paper.
3. Woodland Bamboo Flooring can be installed directly over most existing floor coverings including wooden & concrete subfloors. (Not over carpet or any soft lining)
4. The sub-surface must be absolutely even, dry, clean and stable. Smooth over-raised or hollow areas with a levelling compound. In the case of a wooden subfloor you may need to consider fitting plywood fixed at 150mm centres if the area is particularly uneven.
5. Fill any low spots in the subfloor greater than 3mm in 2m with a cement levelling compound. Check this by using a straight edge. Remove any high spots by sanding or grinding.
6. An acoustic sound-deadening underlay should be installed under your Woodland Bamboo Floor. In the case of a wooden sub-surface such as installed sheets or floorboards, install these sheets together but do not tape joins.
7. If installing your Woodland Bamboo flooring on a mineral-based sub-surface, (concrete, screed, etc.) it is crucial that a suitable vapour barrier sheet (polythene sheet) is put down 1st as a protection against moisture. Strips of the polythene should be overlapped by 20cm & taped with wide adhesive tape & should run up the wall approximately 5-7mm (Any showing after installation can be cut off before the skirting is fitted.) Install underlay perpendicular to the way you would like to lay your Woodland Bamboo Floor. [2]
8. Undercut doorframes. Lay a loose plank upside down on the top of the underlayment against the frame. This will be your guide for proper height to allow installed planks to float under it. Saw the bottom of the doorjamb case moulding back to the wall studs, so that the 6-7mm expansion gap is maintained while bamboo is fitted under doorjamb case moulding. [3]
9. Skirting boards can be removed and refitted over the top of Woodland Bamboo, or Woodland Bamboo Flooring can be installed without sliding under the existing skirting & using a skirting board, fitted after the floor is installed to cover the expansion gap.
10. Woodland Bamboo Flooring is installed under "floating" conditions and may not be glued, screwed, nailed, or in any other fashion fixed (e.g. by using a doorstopper) to the floor.
11. Please note that this Woodland Bamboo flooring is **not** suitable for wet-rooms (e.g. bath, toilet or sauna or any other room subject to moisture regularly). It is also must not be installed over under-floor heating.

[Numbers refer to image next page]

Installation Steps:

1. It is recommended to install the planks parallel to the longest wall and if possible along an outside wall as this will most likely be the straightest.
2. Using spacers to maintain the expansion space, begin by laying the first plank in a corner with the long grooved side toward the long wall. It is important to retain a 8-12 mm edge distance (expansion gap) from the wall, heating pipes, posts, doorstep, etc.
3. Connect the short side of the second plank together with the mating side of the first plank.
4. Cut the last plank and complete the row. Use the remaining plank to start the second row.
5. Make sure to offset the end joints of consecutive rows by a minimum of 300mm for best appearance.
6. Continue the second row by connecting the short edges of the planks first with the long edges.
7. The last row may require rip cutting the planks to size, when cutting the last plank to make it fit you will have to keep the finished face up to avoid leaving a furry edge on the seen face, be sure to maintain proper expansion space.
8. As with the other rows, complete the last row by connecting the short edges first and using a pull bar (Available instore) to tap the long edges together. It is recommended that any stairs be installed by a recommended installer.
9. Cut off any excess moisture barrier (Polythene) showing and install skirting around the perimeter of your floor.
10. Well done!! You have installed a Woodland Bamboo Floor. Follow the maintenance guide included in the pack and your floor will remain as-new for years to come.

