

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Flooringinc.com Vidara vinyl planks are engineered to have a simple snap together installation. The measurement of each plank is 7" x 48" and they are a floating floor system that requires no adhesive or underlayment. You can install your vinyl planks over a vast array of subfloors including old vinyl, concrete, and ceramic tiles. We do not recommend you install this flooring over plush carpet. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 888-416-6388.

WHAT TO DO BEFORE I START?

Please read the installation instructions thoroughly before you start.

When you have multiple boxes of this flooring being installed in the same room, be sure to mix and match planks from each box throughout your floor to ensure a blended appearance.

Before you begin installation, check panels for defects such as color, sheen abnormalities, chips, and cracks. If you find any defects, or have any questions please contact us at 888-416-6388.

WHAT TOOLS WILL I NEED?

- Utility Knife
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Hammer

HOW SHOULD I PREPARE MY FLOOR?

To ensure a successful installation, all floor surfaces need to be clean, dry, solid, even and level. Any glue or carpet staples should be removed prior to installation.

Do not install Vidara vinyl planks on any surface that has moisture problems. If you are installing over new concrete, it will need to cure for at least 60 days prior to installation.

HOW DO I INSTALL THE FLOORING?

TIP: Start from the left and proceed from the wall with the tongue facing the wall.

The planks should be allowed to acclimate to room temperature for at least 48 hours prior to installation. The same temperature should be maintained during and after the installation of planks. Floor heating systems should be turned off during installation.

The width of the first row of planks should be approximately the same width as the last row. Measure across the room and divide the room width by the width of the plank (7 inches) to see how many full width planks will be used and what size width will be needed for the last row. You can cut the first row of planks to a shorter width to make it symmetrical to the last row.

1. Lay a row of loose planks without securing them to each other first to determine if you need to adjust the length of the first plank. You want to avoid having a small piece less than 12" on the wall opposite from where you started. Or, measure the length of the room and divide by 48" (length of one plank). If the remainder is less than 12", calculate $\frac{1}{2}$ of the remainder and trim this amount off the first plank. The last plank should be the same length as the first one.

To cut a plank, simply measure and mark the plank, then using a straightedge and utility knife, simply score the plank and snap.

2. Your installation should start in the left hand corner and proceed from the wall with the tongue facing the wall. Leave a gap of at least $\frac{1}{8}$ " for subfloor movement or product expansion, which can be covered by moulding. **(Figure 1)**

3. When laying the first row in a straight line interlock the short ends by inserting the tongue into the grooves at an angle of about 10 to 20 degrees. Install each subsequent plank on the short end and be sure to link them up evenly. This is key for a successful installation.

4. Be sure to keep your seams tight. There should be no gaps visible between planks. If you do see gaps, you can simply pull apart the planks and reinstall. To do this, slowly lift the top plank away from the bottom plank and reapply it (Repeating step 3). Be careful not to pull the planks apart too forcefully or you could rip or damage the locking strip.

5. When installing Vidara vinyl planks, we recommend to stagger the rows so the short edge seams are not in a straight uniform line. **(See Figure 2)**. This can be done by staggering the plank randomly, or you may want to try your own pattern of planks to suit your unique style.

6. When starting the second row, the plank should be cut to about $\frac{2}{3}$ the length (32"), measure and mark the plank. Then using a straight edge and utility knife, score the plank and snap.

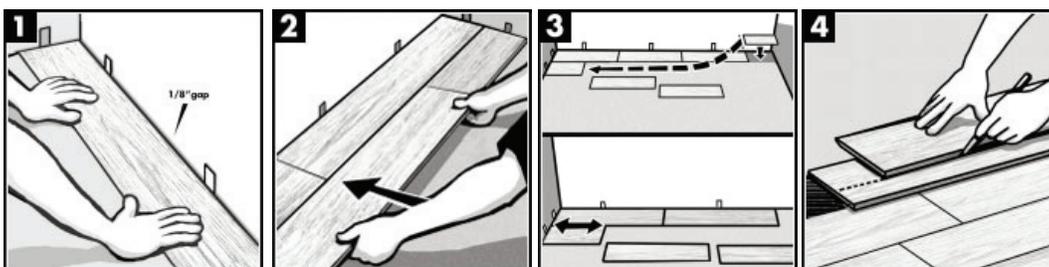
7. Interlock the plank you just cut tightly against the first row (the long side will be interlocked) at a 10-20 degree angle. The next plank, interlock the short side first, leaving it slightly away from the long side and then slide into the long side.

8. Start the third row with the plank cut at $\frac{1}{3}$ of the length (16"). Again the remaining piece can be used at the opposite end of the row, if the layout of the room allows.

9. Continue this pattern for the remainder of the rows you are installing. Remember to place the cut end of the first plank against the wall **(See Figure 4)**

Helpful Hint:

When cutting Vidara vinyl planks for length, be sure to always cut the short side of the plank with the tongue edge. The remaining piece then can be used on the opposite side of the room, at the end of that row (See figure 3) if your room size permits.



HOW MANY BOXES DO I NEED?

		Width of Room						
		6'	8'	10'	12'	14'	16'	18'
Length of Room	6'	2	3	3	4	4	5	5
	8'	3	3	4	5	5	6	7
	10'	3	4	5	6	7	7	8
	12'	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	14'	4	5	7	8	9	10	11
	16'	5	6	7	9	10	12	13
	18'	5	7	8	10	11	13	15