



**BRAMPTON  
HARDWOOD FLOORS**

# Installing Click Engineered Hardwood Flooring How To Series Brochures



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## ✓ Buy enough material

Be sure to add enough extra material for waste and cutting. Buy 5% more for a regular install and 10% for installation of boards set at 45 degrees.



### Tips & Techniques

*Buying extra material will ensure that you will have boards for any future repairs!*

## ✓ Acclimate material

All engineered floors should be put in the house where it is to be installed 3-5 days prior to installation.



### Tips & Techniques

*Leave the packages unopened and don't stack too many boxes on top of each other!*

## ✓ Prepare Subfloor

Check for levelness in sub floors. On concrete sub floors add floor leveler in lowspots. On wooden sub floors, check for squeaks and screw down sub floor.

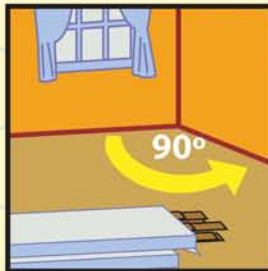


### Tips & Techniques

*Premixed floor levelers can be added to sub floor to attain levelness!*

## ✓ Determine layout and starting point

Check room for squareness and establish starting row next to square wall. Install along the long side of the room.



### Tips & Techniques

*Use the outside wall of the room as a reference, it's usually the straightest wall in the house!*

## ✓ Get necessary tools

Chalk line & nail set, tape measure, laminate installation kit, foam underpad, miter saw, table saw, back saw/door jam cutter, safety glasses & dust masks



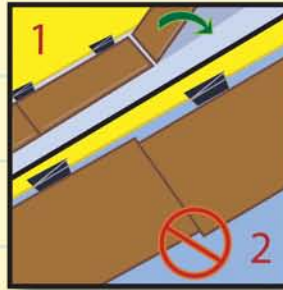
### Tips & Techniques

*Use the right underpad for installation. A vapour barrier underpad is required for installations in basements!*

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## ✓ The first row

Using shims from the laminate installation kit, leave a 3/8" space from the wall or baseboard. Roll out a section of foam. Start clicking first row at the butt ends using full boards. End joints should be perfectly aligned.

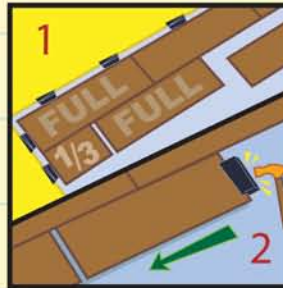


### Tips & Techniques

Use the shims to lock in the first row by placing them on all three sides of the row along the wall!

## ✓ The second row

Start second row with 1/3rd of a board and click horizontally along the first row. Next, click a full board, and with a hammer tap in board at the butt end using a tapping block with the notched side against the board. Stop tapping once the butt ends of the two adjoining boards just touch.

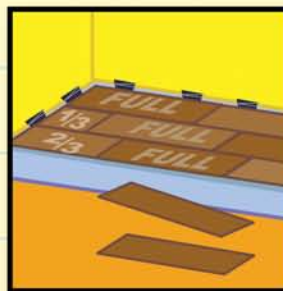


### Tips & Techniques

To minimize waste use the cut-off piece from the last panel from your first row to start your second row!

## ✓ Laying the floor

Start the third row with 2/3rds of a board and click into place. Continue clicking and tapping horizontally using full boards to complete the row. On the fourth row, repeat as on the first row starting out with full boards. Continue the pattern on the starting board of each row: Full board, 1/3, 2/3, full board, 1/3, 2/3... etc. Continue placing expansion shims along the walls as



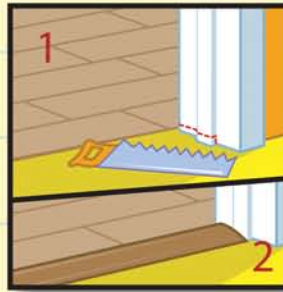
### Tips & Techniques

Engineered floors with random length boards are laid out in the same way as solid wood floors! See Solid Wood -laying floor

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## ✓ The final row

Rip last boards to fit leaving 3/8" gap from wall. When completed remove all expansion shims. Cut any door jams to fit floor underneath. Install any required reducers at door thresholds. Re-install baseboards and quarter-round.



### Tips & Techniques

*When re-installing baseboards and quarter round make sure to nail to the wall and not to the floor!*

## ✓ Maintenance

Sweep or vacuum any dust and pick up any stray nails that can scratch your new floor. Place felt pads underneath furniture and carefully move back furniture by lifting it into place. Clean your floor on a regular basis.



### Tips & Techniques

*When buying a cleaner for your floor, make sure it says it is safe for engineered hardwood floors on the front label!*

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## HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday to Friday : 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Saturday : 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Sunday : 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

