



**BRAMPTON
HARDWOOD FLOORS**

Installing Gluedown Engineered Hardwood Flooring How To Series Brochures



Installing Gluedown Engineered Hardwood Flooring

✓ Buy enough material

Be sure to add enough extra floor 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 hardwood should be put in the house where it is to be installed 3-5 days prior to installation.



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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 lows pots. On wooden sub floors, check for squeaks and screw down sub floor.

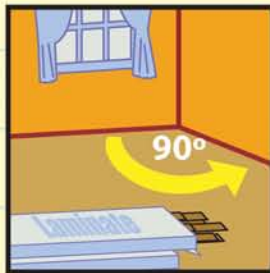


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Premixed floor levelers can be added to sub floor to attain levelness!

✓ 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.



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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, tapping block, spacers, adhesive, trowel, miter saw, table saw, back saw/door jam cutter, safety glasses & dust masks



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Read the label on the pail of adhesive that you're using. You'll be given glue setting times and trowel sizes for your type of floor!

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✓ The first rows

Lay a temporary straightedge such as a 1x4 fastened to the sub floor along the inside of your chalk line marked two board widths from the starting wall. This board will be removed later. Apply adhesive with a trowel the width of two boards next to your straightedge across the room. Lay down boards with the tongue facing the



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Don't forget your 1/2" expansion space around the perimeter of the room. Clean up excess glue with glue remover!

✓ Laying the floor

Continue laying boards down being sure to offset the butt end joints to keep the boards staggered. Try to select boards to lay down that will appear random to neighbouring boards. Clean up excess glue right away. Don't apply more glue to an area than you can cover. Stay within the glue's setting time.

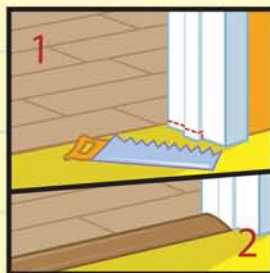


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To minimize waste use the cut-off piece from the last board from your previous row to start your second row!

✓ The final row

Remove the 1x4 straightedge board above starting row. Apply glue. Fill in space with boards. Rip last board to fit leaving 1/2" gap from wall. Cut any door jams to fit floor underneath. Install any required reducers at door thresholds. Re-install baseboards and quarter-round.



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

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✓ 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.



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

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