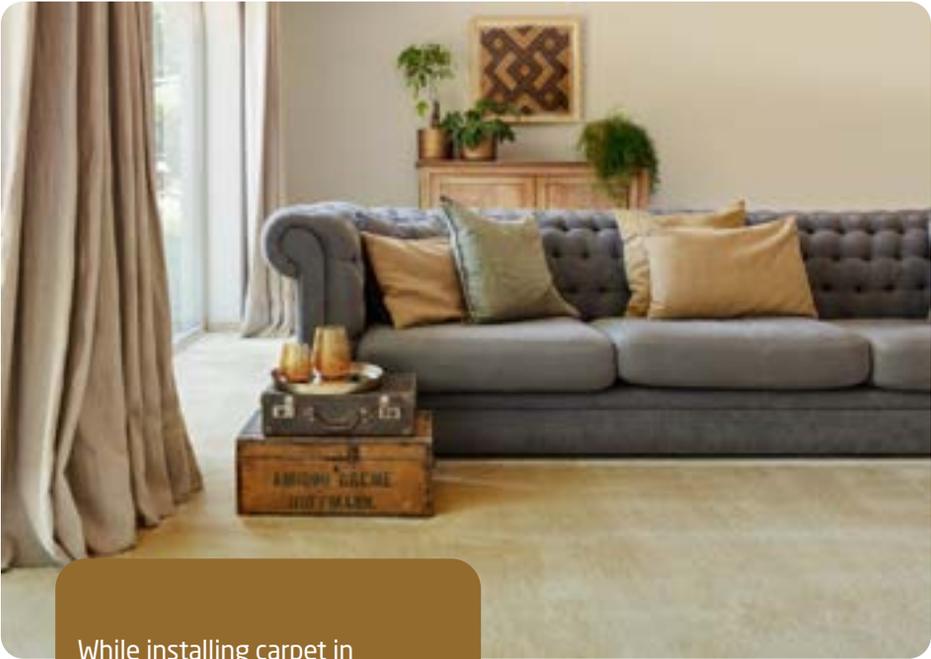


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Installation Guide



While installing carpet in your home is quick and simple, we do advise to work with professional fitters. This will ensure you that your carpet has been installed properly and correctly. After all, you want to be able to enjoy your lovely new carpet for many years to come.

If you are an avid DIY'er and you feel up to the task, we've listed some guidelines and tips below to get you started.

Before you begin

- 1.** Make sure you have all the equipment and tools you need. Tools include measuring tape, pencil, sharp carpet knife, a pair of scissors, a roller and a ruler.
- 2.** Prepare your subfloor.
- 3.** Your subfloor should be free of dust, dirt or other obstacles. Make sure the subfloor is clean and level. Holes or cracks should be filled first.
- 4.** Measure everything properly. Don't forget to pay attention to those tricky areas around radiator pipes or narrow corners.



Installing the carpet

- 1.** Start with the carpet underlay.
Often you will need to install a carpet underlay under your actual carpet. Contact your supplier to determine which underlay is right for your project.
Place the carpet underlay perpendicular to the direction you will install the carpet. Alternately staple the seams so that they are not exactly beside one another.
Make sure the pieces are fitted tightly together. Use a cutting knife to cut away the excess underlay along the walls.
- 2.** Place your carpet in the room.
- 3.** Start rolling out your carpet in the room and try to keep it level and straight. Cut off the excess carpet but leave some extra next to the walls.
Spread out the carpet and press it firmly against the walls and in the corners.
- 4.** Let your carpet acclimatize in the room for a while. Give the carpet some time to adjust to the temperature and humidity in the room before actually installing it.
- 5.** Determine the appropriate installation method.
 - For carpets that come with an underlay, you can use stretching strips.
 - Do not use double-sided tape to install your carpet if you are installing carpet in a big room. It's better for small rooms only.
 - If you choose to glue down your carpet, make sure to pick a solvent-free adhesive that does not contain harmful compounds.
 - You can also lay carpet without fixing it to the floor. However, this is not recommended for big rooms.
- 6.** Position all the fibres in the right direction.
Find out the direction of the carpet pile beforehand, so you lay all of the carpet strips in the same direction.
Mixing up the direction of the carpet's piles will cause colour variations in your floor.



