



HOW TO LAY CHEVRON FLOORING



Tools you'll need

To install these floors yourself you'll need some tools to help with the job.



HAVE THESE TO HAND:

- Tape measure
- Spirit level
- Pencil
- Chalk line
- Workbench or sawhorse
- Combination square
- Planks of flooring
- [Spacers](#), Tapping block & Pull bar
- Weights (for securing planks while they dry)
- [Underlay](#) and [underlay tape](#) (if needed)
- Handsaw, electric saw, chop saw or Stanley knife (depending on flooring type)
- Chisel (for fitting around architrave)
- Drill (for covering pipework)
- Moisture meter – the correct type for your subfloor
- [Beading](#) or [skirting boards](#) (to finish the look)
- Adhesive and trowel (for gluing)
- Safety precautions i.e. knee pads, safety goggles, dust masks, ear defenders

[Some of these tools are available through our website](#)



Your installation

FITTING CHEVRON FLOORING CAN BE QUITE COMPLICATED AND RELIES ON PRECISE MEASUREMENTS, SO IF YOU'RE NOT FEELING CONFIDENT WE DO RECOMMEND YOU HIRE A PROFESSIONAL FITTER.



GLUING

Adhesive is applied to the top of the subfloor with a trowel and then the individual planks are laid on top. **This is our favoured method for tongue & groove parquet flooring.**



Good to know

TONGUE & GROOVE

These boards come with a short protruding side (the tongue) and one short, indented side (the groove). These slot together like a jigsaw puzzle to form a tight fit.

A & B PLANKS

These are 2 different planks that fit together: an 'A' plank and a 'B' plank, with joins on opposing sides. Most of our parquet comes in this form.

Before you jump in

1. CHECK THE PACKS

Once the flooring arrives, check one box to make sure you're happy.

Due to the nature of wooden and wood-effect flooring, there might be some natural or imitated colour variation between the planks and batches. When you lay the floor, you can make the most of these colour contrasts by mixing and matching planks from different packs to get a lovely natural look.



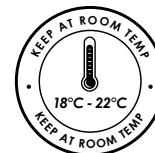
2. LEAVE TO ACCLIMATISE

Your floor should be left for the recommended acclimatisation time in the room it's going to be fitted in.

This allows the floor to acclimatise and will reduce the risk of swelling or contracting once the floor is installed.

Lay the packs on the floor or in stacks, keeping them horizontal and making sure equal weight is distributed across them. Leave the planks in their packaging.

Leave your packs to acclimatise for 2 days (48 hours). Keep the room at the same temperature you'd usually have it at (between 18 and 22°C) and don't allow the floor to be exposed to the elements.



3. PREPARE THE SUBFLOOR

Before you lay your new floor, you'll need to remove the existing flooring, prepare the subfloor and ensure it is clean, dry and level.

We recommend a concrete or wooden subfloor for the best result.

If your subfloor is made of joists, you'll need to fix a layer of plywood over the top, to ensure it's stable before you fit your floor.

JOIST SPACING	PLYWOOD THICKNESS
40.6cm - 48.6cm	19mm
48.7cm - 60.8cm	19-22mm
60.9cm +	22-28mm *

*Use tongue & groove (T&G) plywood or oriented strand board (OSB).

Once your plywood is down, check again that the subfloor is level.

If you do have a concrete subfloor, make sure it's completely dry before installation. A damp-proof membrane should be installed on top of the subfloor to reduce the risk of moisture reaching the boards. You'll need to do this to prevent the floors from expanding and buckling.

Any screws or nails in your subfloor should be fixed below the surface. Remove any old adhesive from previous floors and vacuum the floor to pick up any excess dust or debris.

It's very important to have a level subfloor with parquet flooring so take extra care to make sure.

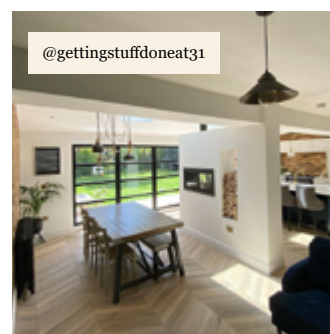
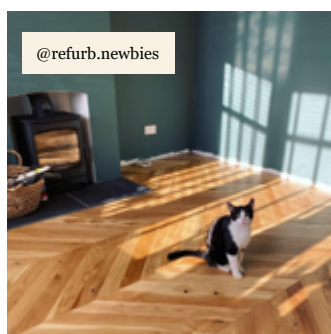
4. PLAN THE LOOK

Think about how you want your chevron floor to look.

Take the planks from the pack and look at the natural grooves and deviations in the shade. Pick out your favourites and use these planks as a focal point. Mix and match shades and patterns around these so that you can get a look you're happy with. If there are a few planks you don't love as much you could set these aside to use for cuts, or in areas that will be covered by furniture or rugs.

Need inspiration?

Head to our social media channels to see how our customers have laid their floors to see if it gives you any ideas. Or you could try out our [Room Visualiser tool](#) to test out how your floor would look laid in different directions.



5. AND ONE LAST THING...

It's best to fit your floor as the last thing you do in a renovation project.

Work your way from the top of the room to the bottom so that once you're ready for the floor to go in, there's much less chance of damaging it. This counts for new kitchens and islands too so always fit the floor *after* units have been installed rather than before. This way you'll make sure your new floor doesn't buckle under the weight.



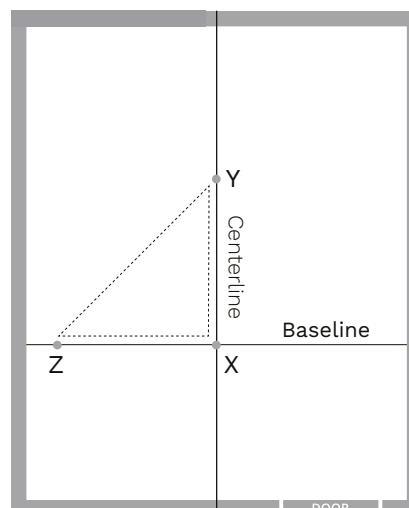


Gluing method

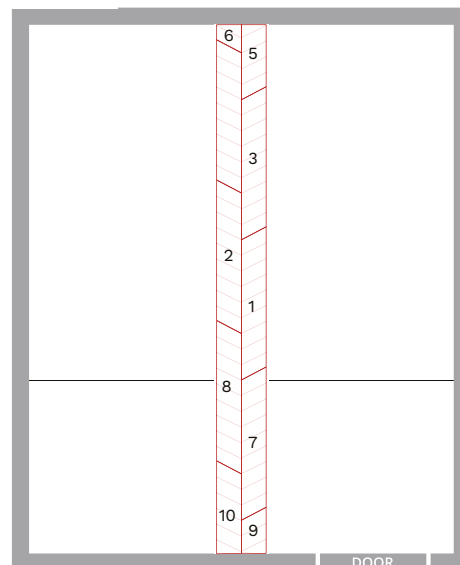
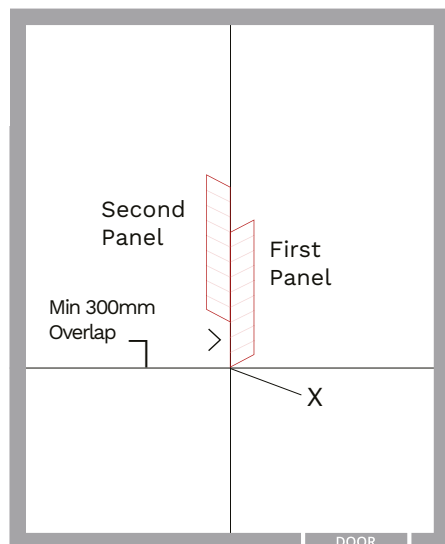
TIME TO LAY YOUR FLOOR...



1. Decide which direction the chevron pattern will run. In most cases, it should follow the length of the room or run in the same direction as the main source of natural light. Make sure you're happy with the direction before applying any adhesive.
2. Find the centre point of the room and draw a chalk line from the nearest wall, running the full length of the space. This will be your main reference.
3. Accurate squaring is critical for chevron floors. Mark point X on the centre line, 1,000mm from the starting wall. From X, measure 2,000mm along the centre line and mark point Y. From X, measure across to create point Z, making sure the distance between Y and Z is exactly 2,500mm. Draw a chalk line between X and Z. This is your baseline and must be perfectly square to the centre line. Extend both lines across the full width of the room.
4. Where the centre line and baseline cross, mark the exact starting point for the first plank. Dry-lay a few boards to check the pattern fits the room well. Make sure you leave a 15mm expansion gap between the floor and the wall.
5. We recommend dry-laying a row of planks horizontally as well, to make sure the walls are a good enough guide point. This is because not all walls are straight and can cause the floor pattern to appear tilted. Following this, adjust as necessary, maintaining a central vertical line.



6. Spread adhesive onto the subfloor, covering roughly one plank-width either side of the centre line. Use the trowel size recommended by the adhesive manufacturer.
7. Lay the first plank at the starting point: **Use a right-hand plank.** Line it up carefully with both chalk lines. Make sure the tongue faces away from the wall. This plank sets the stage for the entire floor, so take time to get it right.



8. Fit a **left-hand plank** to form the chevron: Keep a minimum 300 mm overlap along the centre line. Pull the boards tightly together with no gaps. Check the angles carefully before moving on. If the first rows are out of line, gaps will appear later.

9. Continue installing the two starter rows in number sequence as shown in the diagram. Leave a 15 mm expansion gap at the wall.

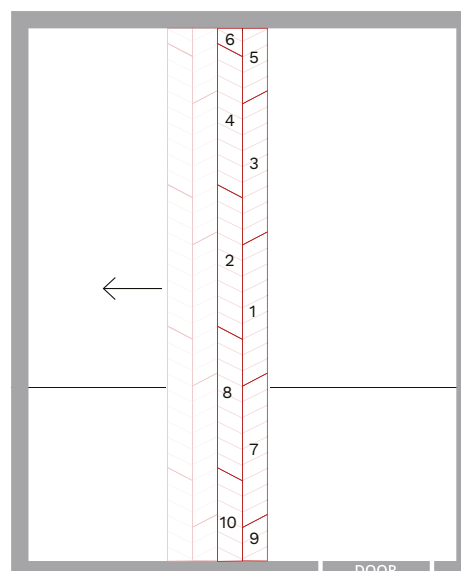
Once you reach the wall, finish the sequence by working back toward the starting point.

Weight these starter rows, if needed, and let the adhesive set fully before continuing. These rows are the foundation of the floor and must stay straight.

10. Work one row at a time, **alternating left and right planks.** Do not spread more adhesive than you can cover within 30–45 minutes. Check alignment regularly and pull boards together where needed. Boards with heavy bowing should be cut down and used as starters or end pieces. Use weights where necessary to keep boards flat while the adhesive cures.

- II. Continue fitting the floor. Along the walls, the final row will usually need cutting. Cut and dry-lay before applying adhesive, remembering to leave a 15mm expansion gap. Apply adhesive to the exposed subfloor and fit the final pieces.

Leave the floor for 24 hours before moving furniture back to the room or walking on it. You might need to leave weights on flooring boards which are pushing up to ensure full contact with the subfloor while the glue sets. These weights can be removed once the glue has dried.



Finishing touches

- To fit flooring around any pipes, first mark the position of the pipe in the board you're using. Drill a hole in this position and make two angled cuts with a saw. These cuts should form a wedge from the edge of the board to the hole which can then be removed. Fit the board around the hole and then reattach this wedge with glue behind the pipe so the plank appears intact.
- For fitting around door frames, start by removing the door from the frame. Line up an offcut of flooring along with a threshold bar stacked on top to make sure it will fit underneath the architrave. If needed, use a handsaw and chisel to trim the bottom of the architrave to the correct height. You may also need to trim the bottom of the door before refitting.
- You can then use matching beading and thresholds to cover expansion gaps and blend the new floors in with your existing walls, making it look professional and seamless. Make sure not to attach any trims to the flooring itself or it may affect the expansion gaps.
- Any spare planks or cuttings can be kept in case any repairs need to be made.
- If the expansion gap has been left too large and the skirting or moulding doesn't cover it, you can utilise spare floorboards to cut strips using a hand saw and glue these strips into place.

Forgotten something? It's not too late to order these...



PIPE COVERS



SKIRTING BOARD



STAIR NOSING



BEADING

Your flooring is finished!

- After putting in the finishing touches (like our range of beautiful radiator pipe covers, skirting boards, stair nosing, and door profiles), you can introduce your furniture, stand back and take it all in. You just fitted your very own Luxury Floor!
- We'd love to see your accomplishments! So make sure you take plenty of pictures and post them online **@luxuryflooring** on Instagram. Tag us **#MyLuxuryFloor**

We hope you're happy with your new Chevron Flooring but if you have any questions or issues, don't hesitate to check out our advice centre or get in touch with our Luxury Flooring customer service team at **0333 577 0025**