

## NAIL DOWN FLOOR INSTALLATION TIPS

Let Southern Lumber help bring the beauty of Hardwood floors to your home.

### LIST OF NEEDED STEPS:

1. Select flooring to be used.
2. Determine square footage needed and add 5-10% for waste.
3. Prep room by first removing old flooring i.e. Carpet, Ceramic tile (Don't remove old vinyl unless loose or lifting then seek professional removal.
4. Determine sight lines as you enter and exit room, square off nearest wall and use as starting point. Be sure to allow proper expansion gap between flooring and each wall, snap chalk lines to create starting point.
5. Remember to take into consideration the width of the room and select a distance from the starting wall that best suits the width of pattern repeat and nailing distance from wall, then snap your chalk line to create your starting point.
6. Install first coarse (Row) of flooring starting from Pre-determined chalk lines. When nail-down flooring is being installed, you will need to pre-drill flooring through the face, and face nail the first rows from starting point back towards nearest wall (Usually 3-4 rows).
7. Complete install of each row being careful to stager each joint 4-6" minimum.
8. Once flooring has been installed, complete with installation of needed mouldings.

### CHECKLIST OF NEEDED SUPPLIES:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Flooring             | <input type="checkbox"/> Stain & Finish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underlayment         | <input type="checkbox"/> Thinner        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mouldings            | <input type="checkbox"/> Stain Cloth /  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nails                | Applicator                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Felt / Kraft Paper / | <input type="checkbox"/> Paint Brush    |
| Polyethylene                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sandpaper      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adhesive             | <input type="checkbox"/> Tack Cloth     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Putty / Filler       | <input type="checkbox"/> Drop Cloth     |

### RECOMMENDED TOOLS:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hammer          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nail Set       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Power Nailer    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chalk Line     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hand Saw        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tape Measure   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jig saw         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Can Opener     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pry Bar         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Knee Pads      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tapping Block   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety Goggles |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drill           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ear Plugs      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pilot Drill Bit |  |

PROJECT DIFFICULTY:

NOVICE

HOME HOBBYIST

INTERMEDIATE

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