

YOUR NEW FLOORING... PLANK REPLACEMENT INSIDE TWO ROWS

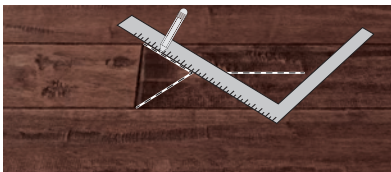


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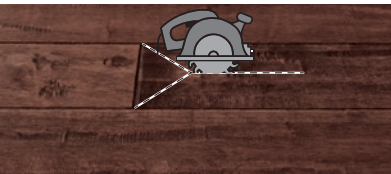


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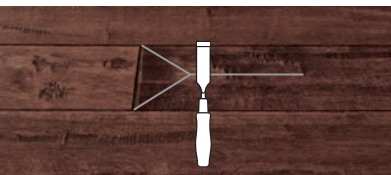


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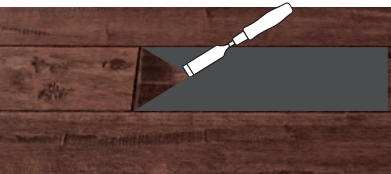


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Plank Replacement inside two rows

Suppose a flooring plank installed in the middle of a floor is damaged after installation, and it is not possible to uninstall the floor. In that case, the following steps will help you replace the damaged plank installed in the middle of a room.

Tools Needed:

Straightedge

Saw

Pencil

Knife

Release tape

Industrial strength (super) glue

Chisel and /or Putty knife

Mineral Spirits

Tapping block

Getting Started

To ensure the replacement planks correct color, size, and design, one should be selected from a leftover carton from the original installation if possible.

Mark the four corners of the damaged plank by applying release tape around each side

Start by using a square to mark lines at a 45° angle from the outside corners to the center of the plank then draw a line down the center of the plank staying 4" from each end. **(Figure 1.1)**

Removing the plank

If using a saw; set the saw depth to the plank thickness using a scrap piece of flooring.

Cut the centerline keeping 4" from each end not to damage the adjacent planks. **(Figure 1.2)**

Cut both 45° angles starting from the centerline out. Remember not to cut into the adjacent planks.

Once the cuts are made remove the two center sections first. A chisel or putty knife may be needed to pry the two pieces apart. **(Figure 1.3)**

Next each triangle at the ends should be removed. Additional cuts may be necessary to remove these pieces. **(Figure 1.4)**

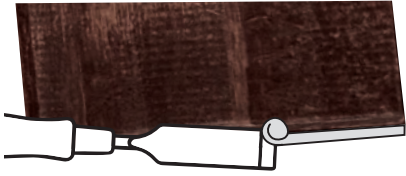


Figure 1.5

Take your time not to damage adjacent planks
Vacuum and clean up the work area

Preparing the plank

Using a chisel, remove the lock from the long and short side edges of the plank. **(Figure 1.5)**

Where the long and short side lock meet remove the corner by cutting it at a 45° angle. **(Figure 1.6)**

Remove any debris and clean up.



Figure 1.6

Installation

Apply a bead of industrial strength (super) glue to the exposed grooves of the adjacent planks and to the exposed grooves of the replacement plank. **(Figure 1.7)**

Align the cut corner first then slide the plank into position. **(Figure 2.0)**

Move quickly to prevent the glue from drying too fast.

Use a soft mallet on the long and short sides to ensure plank is seated properly. **(Figure 2.1)**

Use a tapping block to ensure the plank is flush.

Remove any excess glue that may squeeze out.

Ensure that all the joints fit tightly.

Evenly distribute heavyweights on the new plank for 24 hours or as needed.



Figure 1.7



Figure 2.0

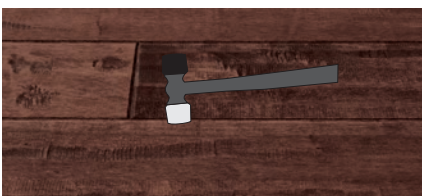


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