



## Suggested Tool List

- Standard Tape Measure
- Utility Knife
- Chalk Line & Chalk
- Metal straight edge or Drywall T-Square
- Rubber Mallet
- Broom or Vacuum

## Subfloor & Site Requirements

- I. The area to receive the Ultra-link™ flooring should be weather tight and maintained at room temperature (20°C) before, during and after installation.
- II. Ultra-link™ is intended for indoor use only and should not be installed in areas where the temperatures are not maintained at a uniform rate.
- III. Acceptable subfloors for Ultra-link™ are any wood, laminate or concrete surface, existing resilient flooring or very low pile commercial carpet.
- IV. Subfloors should be smooth and level to a +/- 1/8" in a 10' radius.

## Storage and Handling

- I. Store the Ultra-link™ material in its original, unopened packaging with all labels intact.
- II. Inspect all materials for visual defects before beginning the installation. Verify material delivered is the correct style, colour and amount. Any discrepancies must be reported to the retailer where the material was purchased.
- III. Remove from cartons and allow them to sit in the area to be installed. Tiles must be acclimated at a uniform room temperature for a minimum of 24 hours prior to installation.
- IV. Mix tiles from several boxes or skids. Ensure the job site and subfloor conditions are met.

## Area Rug Layout

- I. For an area rug installation, lay down the tiles to the desired length and width and interlock the tables. Gently tapping the tabs in with a rubber mallet will speed up the installation in lieu of pressing them in by hand. Use pre-cut border tiles (1 square edge) and corner tiles (2 square edges) around the perimeter of the center tiles for a finished look.
- II. Alternately, an area rug can also be created by trimming the tabs from the center tiles using a sharp utility knife and a metal straight edge. This method will allow for area rugs to be created in any dimension.

## Wall to Wall Layout

- I. It is customary to begin tile installations from the center of the room and work towards the walls.
- II. Measure the width of the area to be covered on each side of the room. When laying out the floor, take into consideration how the final cuts of tile will fit into the room against the walls. Try not to leave small cuts of tile against the wall. A balanced tile installation will have equal finish cuts against the walls.
- III. Divide the room into 4 equal quadrants and mark using chalk line.
- IV. Once your layout is figured and marked; begin the installation at the center of the area where the two lines meet.
- V. Install the tiles by interlocking the tabs together. Gently tapping the tabs in with a rubber mallet will speed up the installation in lieu of pressing them in by hand.
- VI. Lay whole tiles and fill each quadrant working from center towards the walls.
- VII. The last tile will likely have to be cut to fit against the wall.
- VIII. Cut the last piece to fit against the wall using a metal straight edge and a sharp utility knife.
- IX. Do not compression-fit the tiles against the wall. Allow a ¼" around the perimeter for expansion and contraction of tiles.

## Cleaning and Maintenance

- I. Remove all surface soil and debris by sweeping or vacuuming
- II. Damp mop to remove dirt using a neutral pH detergent diluted per the manufacturer's instructions. DO NOT flood the floor with water, as Ultra-link™ is permeable and will allow water to pass through. For tough stains or dirt build up, use a nylon brush to scrub the stained area with the recommended low pH detergent. Rinse the floor with clean water and vacuum any excess water with a wet vacuum.