

## Installation Guide

### Tools you'll need for install

- Heavy duty stanley/utility knife/floor cutting knife – ensure blade is sharp
- Roller for adhesive
- Notched adhesive trowel/spreader (may come with adhesive)
- Straight edge
- Cold weld
- Sealant
- Masking tape
- Damp proof membrane (if necessary, you can find these at your local DIY store).

### Health and safety tips

- You may wish to wear knee pads, as a lot of the installation will be on your knees.
- Ensure that your stanley/utility knife blade is covered or retracted when not in use.
- Don't make cuts directly towards fingers or too close to other body parts so that you may injure yourself if the knife slips.

### Loose lay

#### 24 hours prior to install -

1. The subfloor surface must be thoroughly cleaned and free from grease, wax, paint and any other dirt or contaminants.
2. Ensure any underfloor heating is off.
3. The ideal conditions for installation are between 18°C (64.4 °F) and 26 °C (78.8 °F).
4. Unroll your flooring as best you can and take the time to ensure you have all the rolls you ordered. Take this opportunity to check over the product for any defects or pattern match issues (please bear in mind the pattern will match when the strips are overlapped by 2cm / 0.79in). If any defects are found, please report this to our customer service team at [contact@atrafloor.com](mailto:contact@atrafloor.com) as we can't accept returns once cutting and adhesion has begun.

**\*\*Optional Tip\*\*** To stop the rolls from curling, if you like you can pre-cut the rolls and turn them over design side down to stop the vinyl curling back up.

5. Leave the vinyl like this for at least 24 hours. This will allow the vinyl to acclimatise to the temperature and conditions of its new home.

## Time to install

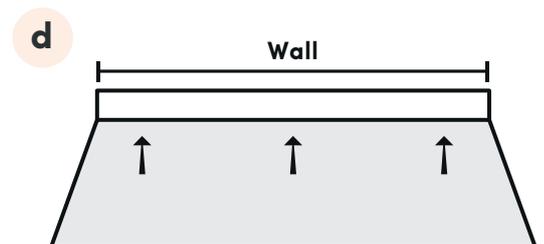
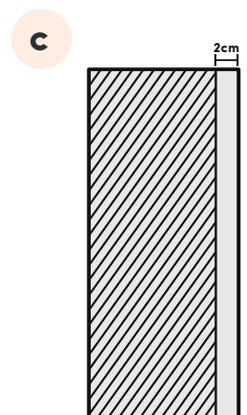
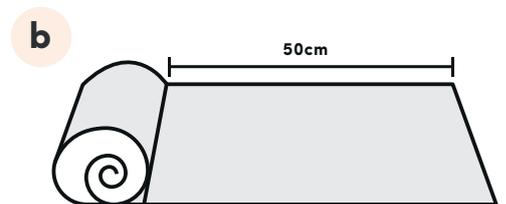
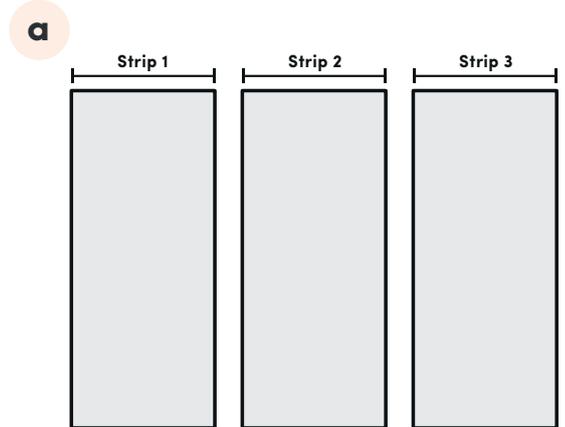
1. Choose your first roll (you can start with any) and ensure you have it orientated correctly (you will have been told this when ordering but our customer service can remind you if necessary). Clear the other rolls out of the way for now to give you plenty of room. Keep an eye out for any walls that may cause you issues during installation such as walls that are not perfectly straight or on an angle. We advise to have your roll resting at least 1 - 2cm up the walls during these early stages (this will be in preparation for step 5).

2. Roll up your starting roll, leaving approximately 50cm (19.7in) unrolled (b), then position up against the edge of the installation area.

3. With the rolled up starting panel in position, you can now apply your choice of adhesive on the subfloor (leaving the 50cm section free of adhesive for now, we will come back to this shortly in the process). Please note, if a strip is going to be applied next to this strip, leave a 2cm (0.79in) gap clear of adhesive for the overlap (c). If you only have one panel to install, you do not need to leave this gap. If your floor is longer than 1 metre (39.37 in), we suggest applying the solution and unrolling the panel 1 metre at a time. Ensure the solution is thinly and evenly applied to your subfloor. We recommend using a floor roller to reduce the possibility of air pockets between your subfloor and vinyl. Weight down the strips or use a second person so that the strips stay aligned.

4. Once fully positioned, leave to set for 5 minutes. Return to the gap left at the top that is 50cm (19.7in) or less (as mentioned in point 2). Repeat the adhesion application stage for this section, leaving the 2cm gap if there will be more panels to install.

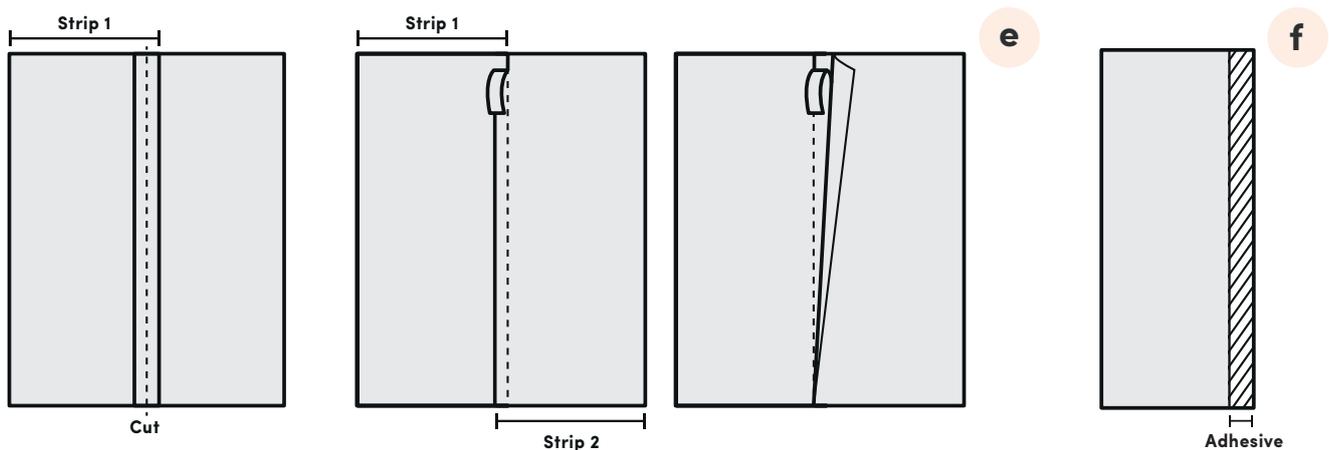
5. Finally, push and tuck the flooring into the corners or edge of the installation area with a flat edge so that this is tight and flush (d). Safely cut away any excess with your floor cutting knife. (If your flooring is only one sheet, please skip to step 10). This excess at the end of the roll will be used for laying next to this strip. If there is not enough excess left to cover the length of the install area, please move on to the next roll.



**Congratulations! Your panel should be securely fitted.**

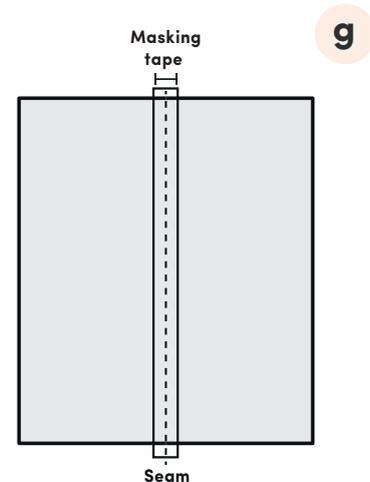
## The following stages will be for flooring which includes multiple panels, and how to install with an overlap.

6. Loose lay your next panel (either the excess from the previous roll, or a new roll), overlapping the previous one by approximately 2cm (0.79in), ensuring the pattern matches down the full length of the strips before proceeding to the next step. Continue to weigh down the strips or use a second person so that the strips stay aligned. Safely cut in the middle of the overlapped section down the full length of the sheets. Ensure that the cut goes through both sheets to the subfloor (e). Peel away the trimmed vinyl from the sheets to create a tight seam.



7. Repeat stages 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 until you have laid all of your flooring.
8. Evenly apply a strip of adhesive solution underneath the sheets where a 2cm area of the subfloor was left without adhesive in previous steps (f). Next, press down the panels into place. You should now see your design match from one panel to the next.

9. Once the adhesive has set, apply masking tape over the entire length of each seam, this will prevent cold weld spilling onto your flooring. Cut down the masking tape with a stanley knife, being careful not to cut into the vinyl. Next, inject the cold weld into the seam along the length of your strip (g). Peel the masking tape off and wipe away any excess cold weld.



10. For added water resistance, seal edges with silicone.

**Congratulations, your new floor is now fully installed!**