How to install vinyl flooring

Installing your own vinyl flooring is a good way to save money, but some of the most skilled do-it-yourselfers have botched this job because they did not take these few simple precautions.

These simple rules will help save you the time and moeny spent on a job gone wrong.

 If you are unfamiliar with vinyl flooring, buy from a store where the sale-people are familiar with vinyl flooring. Tell them that you plan to do your own

No-wax vinyl tiles, which come in patterns for every room and simulate just about everything from mosaic to wood inlay, are the easiest to handle. If you are going to attempt to lay sheet vinyl, there are special tools and do-it-yourself kits for this challenge.

· Get the recommended adhesives, solvents and other needs. Vinyl backings differ. There are no all-purpose products for

If you are installing your new floor-ing over old vinyl, make sure the new

flooring you select can be laid over thse surfaces. Heavily embossed and/or cushioned vinyl will probably have to be

picked up.
People who have ignored this precaution have found that their new vinyl flooring starts to sink while the embossing from the old flooring starts to surface.

 Lay vinyl in areas where the tem-perature stays above 50 degrees. Once the temperature drops below that, the vinyl will stiffen and crack.

 Select a dry, and if possible, warm day for this job. The room temperature should be 70 degrees for 24 hours prior to the installation, and remain at that temperature for 48 hours after the job is done.

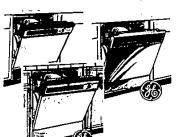
• If you are laying the vinyl directly over cement, make sure it is alkaline free, sanded smooth, bone dry and if need be, sealed. And, before you buy your flooring, make sure it can be laid over cement. Some cannot under any conditions.

 Before you begin, make sure that the surface of the floor beneath your new vinyl is free of dirt, grease and wax.

Follow directions.

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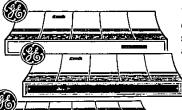


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