



EPISODE #3021 **FLOORS ARE OUR FRIENDS**

Bathroom Floor

Linoleum Sheet Vinyl Preparation

- Prepare bathroom by removing the toilet and any shoe molding
 - Be careful not to break the moulding
 - Label each piece of moulding to remind you where to put them back
- Once the surface is prepared, there are two ways to proceed before laying the floor. We used Option #1, but should have used Option #2!

Option #1 (see fig. A)

- Remove old linoleum floor = THE HARD WAY
- Smooth and level the floor's surface
 - Scrape old adhesive off the floor = nightmare!!!
 - Sand the floor
 - Patch and level the floor

Option #2

- Lay new floor directly over the new one = THE EASY WAY
- Clean the old floor thoroughly
- Apply a leveling compound with a trowel

Laying the Floor

- Make a template of the bathroom floor out of paper
 - Place pieces of paper on the floor, and tape them together to create one giant floor pattern
 - To keep the template from slipping, cut out triangles within the paper (not on the edges) and place pieces of tape over the triangles.
 - Cut paper around objects such as the toilet, sink, and bathtub
- Carefully lift the giant pattern and place over the laid out piece of linoleum
- Tape the paper template (through the triangles) to the linoleum floor
- Trace the pattern onto the linoleum floor and remove the paper (see fig. B)
- Carefully cut out the floor with a vinyl floor cutter
 - Remember to put something under the linoleum so the floor does not get scratched
- Roll up the linoleum floor and bring it to the bathroom, do not crease!!!
- Lay down the new floor in the space and carefully trim the excess and messy bits
- Peel back half of the floor and apply vinyl glue (wet adhesive)
- Replace floor and smooth out any creases and air bubbles with a rolling bin or a wine bottle
- Repeat with the other half
- Sit back, relax and let the glue dry (see fig. C)



A. Removing the old linoleum floor.



B. Removing the paper.



C. Watching glue dry.



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Finishing Touches

- Replace the moulding and the toilet
- Re-caulk around the toilet
- Install a threshold (a metal plate in the doorway to prevent the linoleum from lifting)

Laundry Room Floor

Vinyl Tiles

- When purchasing vinyl tiles, make sure that every box is from the same lot (check lot numbers), as the colours can vary from lot to lot.

Preparation

- Remove everything from the room
- Prepare the floor's surface
 - Patch and fill seams with a patching compound
 - Follow the product's instructions
 - apply compound with a trowel
 - When the compound is a grayish white, sand smooth
 - Clean the floor very well
 - Even one grain of sand can be felt through the vinyl tiles

Layout

- Plan the layout of the tiles so that you don't have a small sliver of tile at the end of the row
- Measure and mark the centre of the room with two intersecting chalk lines

Laying the Tiles (see fig. D)

- Apply the pre-mixed compound with a ridged trowel
- Wait until the glue is dry to touch before laying the tiles
 - You will be able to walk on the glue when it is ready for tiling
- Line up the first tile perfectly with the intersecting chalk lines in the centre of the room
- Lay all the whole tiles on the floor
- Measure and cut tiles for the outside edges with the TILE CUTTER (tool of the day) (see fig. E)
- Finish laying cut tiles (see fig. F)
- Roll the entire floor with a 100 pound roller, (you can rent from most rental stores) in one direction, and then again in the other direction to squish the tiles in place



D. Laying the tiles.



E. The tile cutter.



F. Laying cut tiles.