

SEAMLESS FLOOR INSTALLATION

PARTS:

1 Vinyl Tarp
Rolls of Crosslink Foam

STEP #1

Sweep the area where the floor will be laid down, and lay out a 1 x 4 perimeter or frame. The frame should be fastened to the floor with screws or a nail gun, depending on the floor type.

STEP #2

Roll out the foam and cut it to size to fit inside the frame. A minimum 1" space is required between the foam and the frame to allow the foam to "spread out" and prevent buckling. (This way, you won't have to remove the tarp and recut the foam when the foam lifts in the center because you didn't give the foam "room to grow.") Use duct tape to cover the seams, and don't glue the foam to the floor.

STEP #3

Spread out the tarp and prepare for stapling. Smooth side of vinyl should be up. If you have the time, it's a good idea to let the tarp sit out overnight to get rid of some of the wrinkles.

STEP #4

Prepare to start stapling. A pneumatic stapler works best, but an electric stapler also can be used. Start in the center of each of the sides and work your way toward the corners. This way, you avoid any problems when you get to the corners (3-foot increments of stapling is fine). You don't want anyone on the tarp when you are doing this. One person to staple and one to pull is enough. Anyone else on the floor just makes it harder to get the floor tight.

STEP #5

Prepare your top 1 x 4's. We suggest routing the edges and sanding them for a clean look. You can paint or stain the top boards—preferably before installation to prevent getting any paint on the floor.

