

LUXURY VINYL REPAIR GUIDE – DRYBACK FLOORING

TOOLS NEEDED

- Straightedge
- Pencil
- Hammer
- Chisel / 2" Putty Knife
- Drill
- Builders paper
- Pliers
- Utility Knife
- Luxury Vinyl Flooring Adhesive
- Weights
- 3M Scotch Blue™ 2080 Tape

1. Make sure the replacement plank/tile matches the rest of the flooring. The replacement plank/tile should be thoroughly inspected and properly acclimated.
2. Place tape around the edges of the planks/tiles that border the damaged plank/tile. This will minimize chipping or damaging the finish while replacing the damaged piece. The surrounding area should be covered with a cloth or builders paper that is secured with tape to prevent debris from damaging the existing flooring.
3. Draw lines one inch from outer edges of the damaged plank/tile using a straightedge and pencil/marker. Draw a line at a 45-degree angle from the corner of the drawn lines to the outside corner of the damaged plank/tile.
4. Using a sharp utility knife, place the blade into the line on the damaged piece and cut toward the one end. Stop cutting when the blade reaches the intersecting line. This may need to be repeated until the flooring is cut through to the subfloor. Continue cutting until all lines have been cut. Finish the cut on each corner.
5. To remove a tile or plank, gently heat it with a hot air blower to allow the material to become more flexible.
6. Remove the entire center section.
7. Cut along each 45-degree line, stopping just shy of the existing plank/tile. This cut will need to be made using a knife or sharp flat chisel to insure no damage to the existing planks/tiles. This cutting procedure creates four pieces that you can pry loose from the ends.
8. From the inside area, lift the end of each piece with a 2 " (51 mm) wide putty knife or pry bar in the seam and pull the piece toward the center of the plank/tile with pliers. Remove it when it snaps loose.

INSTALLING THE REPLACEMENT VINYL PLANK/TILE

1. Pay attention to the orientation of the damaged piece so that the new one can be installed in the same direction.
2. Remove all of the old adhesive. Thoroughly inspect the subfloor for unevenness; level and smooth out as necessary.
3. Follow the adhesive manufacturer's instructions for trowel size and open time, but you must consider the thickness of the residual adhesive layer when determining the appropriate application to the replacement piece. Too much adhesive will cause the replacement flooring to be higher than the surrounding tile or plank/tile.
4. Roll evenly with a hand roller and, if necessary, weight the plank/tile for several hours until the adhesive sets.
5. Remove the painter's tape and clean up the area.

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