

## Is Pergo Flooring Right For You?

Although you can have this tongue and groove flooring system installed by a professional, it is so easy to do, you can do it yourself, even if DIY projects aren't really your cup of tea. This easy home installation helps keep costs down by saving you from shelling out on labor, and plus, this attractive flooring can look great in any home. Here are all of the things you need to know about installing flooring like Pergo so you can make an informed decision.

### Pergo Flooring 101

The first thing you need to do before you move along with your plan is measure all of the space you want to cover with the Pergo flooring. For precision, a measuring tape won't cut it here. Instead, you will want to use a special room size calculator to get everything just right. The right measurements will help you price the flooring, plus get an idea of the exact size of the job you will be taking on if you decide to act as your floor installer.

The good news about Pergo flooring is that it is all systems go for installing the Pergo flooring yourself, your flooring comes in an all-in-one kit with everything you need to get the job done. Included in this handy dandy little kit will be:

- Special manufactured Pergo floor glue
  
- Spacers and tapers
  
- Pull bar for tight spaces
  
- Underlays - Floor clamps
  
- Pergo brand sealant
  
- Pergo brand putty
  
- Installation straps

Now, it may be tempting to try and cut corners by buying some of the putty, glue, sealant, and other materials from manufacturers other than Pergo (your kit comes with enough to get started, but you will need more). Don't do it. If you want your floor warranty issued by Pergo to be valid, you have to use Pergo products, end of story.

### A Few More Things to Know About Pergo

Pergo flooring can only be used inside - the flooring isn't designed to weather the elements. You should also expect some minor slipping and sliding of the flooring away from your walls when you first install it. Everything should settle down as the flooring gets used. If not, you may not have used enough clamps to anchor it, which means you may have to pull up a portion of the floor and rework it. This will be worth it in the long run because it will preserve the floor underneath.

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