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How difficult your kitchen flooring installation will be depends on the type of flooring you choose. Stone, cork, hardwood, vinyl, and tile all have unique methods of installation. Plus, the type of flooring you choose can come in different forms, such as traditional hardwood or tongue-and-groove.



FYI for Your DIY

Here are a few tips to help guide you through your flooring installation project:



Read the directions

Before you begin, read the manufacturer's instructions that came with the materials. This can prevent you from making a serious mistake that affects the installation or integrity of your floor. If you are in doubt about any point in the instructions, contact the manufacturer and ask for further clarification before you continue.

Get prepared

Have all the tools and materials you need on hand right when you need them before you begin. This will help you avoid hiccups and get the job done faster.



Be on the level

To ensure a proper fit on your new floor, the original floor must be level. Using a level, find out if there are areas on the floor that dip. Use a self-leveling liquid system to fill in the dips and create a smooth, even surface.

Measure — then measure again

Proper measurement of your flooring is essential for a tight, smooth fit. Measure where you need to cut the flooring, mark it appropriately, and then measure a second time to ensure that your numbers are correct.



When in doubt, call a professional

If you find yourself stuck or if you simply decide that the project is going to be too serious for you to tackle on your own, call a professional contractor to help you get the job done.