
Rug Installation Manual for Hardwood Floors

Introduction

Hardwood floors are a timeless investment in any home, offering warmth, beauty, and durability. When choosing rug pads for hardwood floors, choose a felt or natural rubber pad. Many companies offer a felt/rubber combination to get the best of both worlds. Cheap rug pads are treated with chemicals that can stain or stick to your floors and may cause severe damage.

When layering area rugs on top of hardwood, it's essential to install them properly to enhance comfort, protect your floors, and ensure the rug stays securely in place. This manual provides step-by-step guidance on how to correctly install area rugs over your hardwood floors, including the critical importance of using a high-quality rug pad.

1. Why Use a Rug Pad?

Installing a rug directly on hardwood without a pad can lead to floor damage, slipping hazards, and reduced rug life. A rug pad provides:

- **Grip:** Prevents slipping and bunching for improved safety.
- **Protection:** Shields hardwood from scratches, discoloration, and wear caused by rug backing.
- **Comfort:** Adds a cushioned feel underfoot.
- **Ventilation:** Promotes air circulation between rug and floor, reducing moisture buildup and extending rug and floor life.

2. Our Recommendation: Durahold® Plus Rug Pads

At **Signature**, we recommend and sell **Durahold® Plus** rug pads, trusted by flooring professionals and clients alike, for their unmatched performance on hardwood floors.

Durahold® Plus is a 1/3-inch thick, felt-and-rubber combination pad designed to offer superior comfort, stability, and protection. It features heat-pressed grooves on the top felt surface that grip your rug securely, while the firm natural rubber backing anchors the pad to the hardwood floor without staining or slipping.

This dual-surface construction makes Durahold® Plus ideal for high-traffic areas and homes with pets or children where rug movement is more likely. Unlike thinner or lower-density pads, Durahold®'s dense felt core resists flattening and wear, outperforming many higher-priced alternatives over time.

Durahold® Plus pads are available in a variety of precut sizes and commercial rolls, allowing for custom cutting to perfectly fit your rug—even for irregular shapes or oversized dimensions.

Durahold® Plus also comes with a **10-year warranty**, offering long-term peace of mind.

Durahold® Plus Key Features:

- 1/3" thick felt and rubber combo for superior comfort and protection
- Heat-pressed felt ridges keep rugs in place
- Natural rubber backing grips hardwood without marking or staining
- Dense felt core resists compression and extends pad life
- Non-toxic and safe for all hardwood finishes
- Made in the USA for quality and reliability
- Available in standard sizes and custom cuts
- 10-year warranty

Durahold® Plus is specifically engineered for wood floors, offering industry-leading stability, safety, and long-term value. Contact us to find the perfect size or request a custom-cut pad for your area rug.





3. Installation Instructions

Materials Needed:

- Rug
- Rug pad (DuraHold® preferred)
- Scissors or utility knife (if pad trimming is necessary)
- Measuring tape
- Vacuum or broom

Steps:

1. Clean the Floor

Sweep or vacuum the hardwood area where the rug will be placed. Ensure the surface is dry and free of dust and debris.

2. Measure and Trim the Pad

Lay the rug pad in place and trim it if necessary. The pad should be approximately **1–2 inches smaller than the rug on all sides** to avoid visible edges and promote safe tapering at the rug's border.

3. Position the Pad

Place the rug pad on the floor, rubber side down (gripping side), and smooth out any wrinkles.

4. Lay the Rug

Center your rug over the pad. Adjust it so it aligns properly within your space. Ensure all corners and edges are flat and secure.

5. Final Touch

Walk across the rug to help it settle into place. Check corners and adjust alignment if needed.

4. Benefits of Moving Rugs Occasionally

Repositioning area rugs periodically has several advantages for both your rug and your hardwood flooring:

- **Even Sunlight Exposure:** Prevents uneven fading from UV rays.
- **Balanced Wear:** Distributes foot traffic wear more evenly across the rug and floor.
- **Air Circulation:** Reduces moisture buildup underneath the rug.
- **Cleaning Access:** Makes it easier to clean under the rug and check for spills or pests.

We recommend moving or rotating your rug every **6 months** to maintain the appearance and condition of both the rug and your floors.

5. Maintenance Tips

- Vacuum rugs regularly to remove dirt and debris.
- Spot clean spills immediately to prevent stains.
- Periodically lift rugs and pads to clean underneath.
- Inspect the rug pad annually; replace if it shows signs of deterioration.

Need Help or Custom Sizing?

Our team at **Signature** is happy to help with measuring, cutting, and selecting the best rug pad for your specific hardwood flooring and rug type. Reach out to us online or in-store for expert guidance.

Protect Your Floors. Extend Your Rug's Life. Choose DuraHold® Plus.

