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## Rug Installation Manual for Wood Floors

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### Introduction

Wood 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 floor, 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.

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### 1. Why Use a Rug Pad?

Installing a rug directly on hardwood floor 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 wood from scratches, discoloration, 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.

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### 2. Our Recommendation: Durahold® Plus Rug Pads

At Signature, we recommend and offer **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 wood floor without staining or slipping.

Due to dual-surface construction, Durahold® Plus is ideal for high-traffic areas, homes with pets or children where rug movement is expected. Dense felt core resists flattening and wear, outperforming higher-priced alternatives over time.

Durahold® Plus is available in a variety of precut sizes and commercial rolls, allowing for custom cutting to fit your rug. It 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
- Non-toxic and safe natural rubber backing grips hardwood without marking or staining
- Dense felt core resists compression and extends pad life
- Made in the USA for quality and reliability with 10-year warranty
- Available in standard sizes and custom cuts

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### 3. Installation Instructions

**Materials Needed:** Rug, Rug pad (DuraHold® preferred), Scissors or utility knife (if pad trimming is necessary), Duct Tape (Gorilla preferred), 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.

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**4. Benefits of Moving Rugs Occasionally**

Repositioning rugs periodically has several advantages for both your rug and your wood floor:

- **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.


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**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.
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**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.

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

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