

# a basic guide to measuring a room

## > Measuring carpet that comes on a roll

In order to work out how much carpet you will need you must first measure your room. To do this, simply measure the room across its longest and widest part. It is best to measure in centimetres and metres (m). If you can only measure in feet and inches give us a call and we can convert it for you.

You will have to buy the carpet in either a square or rectangular shape because it comes on a roll, so expect to have some waste. Make sure you measure into any alcoves; it is better to have too much carpet than too little! To run your carpet into a doorway, measure to where the carpet will finish underneath the door. You should then add 10 centimetres (4 inches) onto each measurement. This will allow for cutting, trimming and will help ensure quality fitting. You will end up with two sizes. Therefore if your room measures 4.15m x 3.9m you will need to order 4.25m x 4m. If you times the two sizes together you will end up with 17 square metres (m<sup>2</sup>), the amount you will have to buy.

## > Measuring Flooring that comes in a box/pack

In order to work out how much wood flooring/laminate/karndean you will need, you will have to work out the nett meterage (m<sup>2</sup>) of the area that you intend to install it in. These products all come in boxes or packs so you don't need to measure the area as a square/rectangle (like carpet). You need to break the room/area down into obvious squares/rectangles and take two measurements for each one.

For example A: 3m x 1m = 3m<sup>2</sup>  
 B: 1m x 1m = 1m<sup>2</sup>  
 C: 1m x 1m = 1m<sup>2</sup>  
**Total net meterage = 5m<sup>2</sup>**

You should then add 10% to allow for wastage. This will bring you to a total meterage of 5.5 m<sup>2</sup>. Once you know how many m<sup>2</sup> are in a pack you can divide the total meterage by the pack size. You will then need to round up to the nearest pack.

For example : a pack size of 2m<sup>2</sup> :-  
 5.5m<sup>2</sup> divided by 2m<sup>2</sup> = 2.75 packs.

You will need to round this up to 3 giving you 3 packs.

So 3 packs x 2m<sup>2</sup> = 6m<sup>2</sup>, the amount you will have to buy.

