

# Forest Floor® Foam Mat Installation and Care

Most applications require only a limited area to be covered. Forest Floor® borders (included with each tile) can be used to finish off the edge of the surface being covered, creating an area mat.


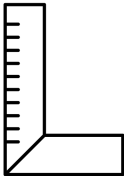
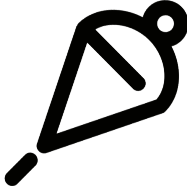
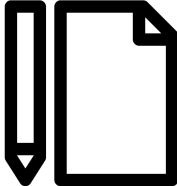
**IMPORTANT:** Forest Floor® foam mats are designed for indoor installation on a hard, flat subfloor surface such as wood, cement, or concrete. Do not install mats on carpet or any other soft or uneven surface.

## For covering only a portion of the floor:

Simply lay out the Forest Floor® mats to cover the desired area and connect the interlocking tabs. For safety and a finished look, attach as many corner and straight border pieces as necessary to close all exposed interlocking tabs. Please note that, depending on the layout of your area, you may not use all of the included border pieces.

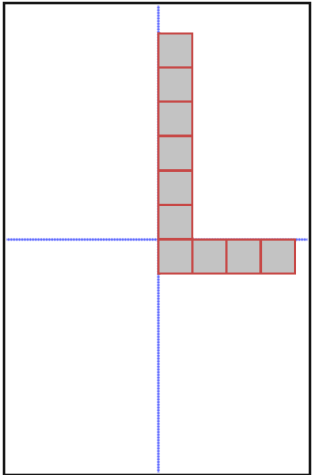
## For wall-to-wall installation:

Recommended Tools:

			
Utility Knife	Carpenter's Square	Chalk Line	Paper and Pencil

Treat the room as if it were a rectangle, disregarding any offsets or alcoves, etc. Find the center points of your opposing walls and snap a chalk line between them, dividing the room into four equal parts.

Starting at the center of the room (where the two chalk lines intersect), lay a row of Forest Floor® foam mats towards one end wall and another to a side wall, as shown in the diagram at right. Make sure each mat is flush with your chalk line and snugly connected to the next mat in line. Measure the distance from the last mat to the wall. If it is less than 6 inches, move the centerline six inches nearer to the opposite wall in both directions. This will widen all of your edge pieces, making them easier to cut and fit.



### **Cutting and Installing the Edge Pieces**

Place a loose mat directly over the last mat in the row. Now lay a second loose mat against the wall and overlapping the first loose mat. Trace a straight line on the first loose mat where the two overlap and then cut along this line using a utility knife and the straight edge of your carpenter's square as a guide. Test-fit and make any trim adjustments as necessary.

Once all of your edge pieces are cut and assembled flush against the wall, you can further enhance the finished look of your floor by installing a shoe moulding on top of your mats.

### **Fitting Around Irregular Objects**

Make a pattern out of heavy paper to fit around pipes or other irregular objects. Place the pattern on a mat and trace it. Cut along your traced lines with a utility knife.

### **Care and Maintenance:**

- ◆ Always detach Forest Floor® foam mat tiles slowly to avoid accidentally tearing one of the interlocking tabs.
- ◆ Avoid prolonged sun exposure to prevent color fading.
- ◆ Mats can be swept, vacuumed, or cleaned with a damp mop or cloth using mild soap and water.
- ◆ Store in a safe place when not in use. Forest Floor® mats are not designed or warranted for permanent outdoor installations.
- ◆ The purchaser should pay special attention to all codes, laws, specifications, and ratings for products specifically used in play areas, playgrounds, and other recreational uses where the safety of children and others is concerned.
- ◆ Heavy objects may cause permanent indentation. Heavy furniture or exercise equipment may permanently indent or otherwise damage this product.
- ◆ Use provided Forest Floor® borders for safety and a finished look.