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SIDE SEAMS

Using a row finder, find and separate a row down the length of the seam.

Now using a cushion back cutter, cut along the separated rows in each piece of carpet.

Pull both pieces together and check seam for proper fit.

If satisfied with fit, apply seam sealer to both cut edges and allow to dry.

Using a premium quality seaming tape, seam carpet edges together.

During seaming process make sure to move seaming iron in the direction of carpet pile lay [set thermostat at 3 to 3 1/2 on seaming iron] roll up and down seam using a round wheel seam roller and follow with seam weight no heavier than 10 lbs. Allow seam to completely cool before stretching.

CROSS SEAMS

Note: Cross seam are best when cut from back of the carpet.

Take the edge of the carpet and fold it face to face at least 6 ft. Then use a 6 ft. long straight edge and carpenter square to align the straight edge across the width for the seam and notch the carpet or make a mark on each edge. Now snap a white chalk line across the width from notches or marks made one each side.

Align the 6 ft. straight edge to the chalk line, using the straight edge as a guide cut the carpet using a sharp razor knife On the piece of carpet with the pile lay toward the seam , hold cutter on a slight angle undercutting the face yarn slightly, other edge with pile yarn laying away from seam, cut straight up and down.

Pull both pieces together and check seam for proper fit, if satisfied with seam fit, apply seam sealer to both edges. Using a premium quality seaming tape, seam both edges together, thermostat setting should be set on 3 to 3 1/2 Using a round wheel seam roller, roll up and down seam and follow with seam weight no heavier than 10 lbs. Allow seam to completely cool before stretching.