

Kick the bucket and brush out the door!

Now's the time to kick the bucket—the scrub bucket. And while you're at it, why not ditch the scrub brush, swab mop and floor wax, too.

You can put in a new, no-wax resilient sheet floor in just a few hours, if you're the least bit handy.

All you need is a pencil, hammer, screwdriver, t-square, utility knife, floor adhesive, notched trowel, adhesive spreading trowel and a push broom.

First, measure the dimensions of your room. Take the drawing to your flooring dealer and purchase goods, adhesive and tools. You'll probably be able to avoid seams by buying 12-foot-wide flooring. And you'll have enough leftovers to line shelves and drawers. You should also know it takes about four quarts of floor cement to cover 16 square yards.

Now, you've got your materials and you're ready for your last 'scrub.' Remove any loose paint, old wax and

dirt. If there's a wood surface under the old floor, sand down any high spots and nail loose boards. If the surface is in really bad shape, put down a one-quarter inch plywood base.

Next, lay out new flooring in a larger room, and mark off dimensions from your sketch. Be sure to allow an extra three inches all the way around for any irregular measurements.

Cut goods with your utility knife and fit in along the longest wall in the room you're covering. Then trim the flooring, allowing one-eighth inch clearance for moldings.

Now, fold back one end halfway into the room so as to expose half the underfloor. Weight down the folded

end and spread the adhesive.

Lay the flooring back into the adhesive quickly. Use a push broom to remove trapped air and extra floor cement. Remember, always work away from the center toward the walls.

Next, roll back the second half to expose the adhesive edge. Apply floor cement, lay goods back into adhesive, and roll as before.

Replace the wood molding by nailing it into the baseboard—not the new floor. And use protective metal strips to cover edges at doorways.

That's it. Just wait four or five days before washing your new floor. And then, use only ammonia and warm water with a light sponge mop. To maintain a high gloss, occasionally dry buff.



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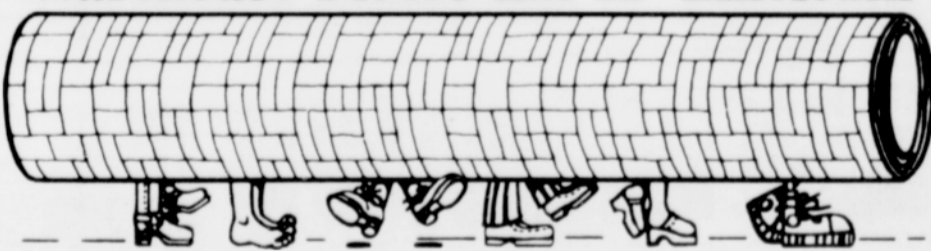
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