

Installing Wall Base

- **Always refer to and follow the recommendations in the *General Installation Guidelines* section of the Forbo Installation Guide prior to installing Forbo Wall Base.**
- **Always refer to and follow the recommendations in the *Substrate Evaluation and Preparation* section of the Forbo Installation Guide prior to installing Forbo Wall Base.**
- The wall surface must be permanently dry, smooth, and free from dirt, wallpaper, vinyl wall covering, grease, adhesive residue and other contaminants that could interfere with the adhesive bond.
- Material should always be visually inspected prior to installation. If there are any questions regarding the quality of material, contact Forbo's Product Support & Education Services Department PRIOR to installation.
Any costs (including labor) associated with the replacement of material that was installed with visual defects that could have been seen prior to installation are not covered under warranty.
- Use a quality acrylic wall base adhesive.
- Use a V notch spreader. If using cartridges, use a three-hole nozzle for 4" base or a five-hole nozzle for 6" base.
- Remove fresh adhesive residue immediately with a clean white cloth. Dried adhesive can be removed with a clean white cloth and Forbo Adhesive Remover. If this is not available, a solution of properly diluted neutral pH cleaner may be used. The area should then be rinsed with clean, cool water to remove all residues from the material.
- Installation of Forbo Wall Base over non-porous surfaces, including vinyl wall coverings, is not recommended. Vinyl wall covering should extend no more than 1/4" below the top of the base.
- Take pride in your work and be Professional at all times.
- For additional information, contact Forbo's Product Support & Education Services Department.

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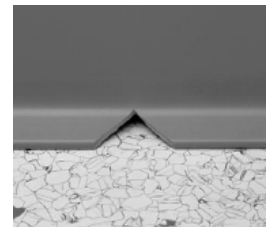
- Apply the adhesive to the wall or to the back of the base. In order to avoid excess adhesive at the top of the base, apply the adhesive no closer than 1/4" to the top of the base.
- Install the base immediately after adhesive application.
- If the wall or floor surface is uneven, it may be necessary to trim the edges of adjoining pieces before installing so that a tight joint can be achieved. Use a utility knife and cut the base from the face side.
- Immediately after installation, roll the base with a hand roller to ensure that proper adhesive transfer is achieved (Figure 4.91a)). If a hand roller is unavailable, firmly rub the base into the adhesive using a clean, soft cloth dampened with water.
- Roll or rub the base in the opposite direction of installation to avoid stretching the base.
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- **NOTE: IF EXCESS ADHESIVE IS NOT REMOVED, A STAIN MAY OCCUR.**



FITTING INSIDE CORNERS

Option 1: *Wrapped Inside Corner*

- Determine the location of the inside corner and draw a straight line from the top to the bottom of the base on the back side.
- Using a utility knife and a straight edge, cut partially through the base along the line (25% of the thickness of the base).
- Where the line meet the toe of the base, cut a small 90° triangular wedge to remove the toe (Figure 4.91b).
- Using a hot air blower, warm the back of the base along the line. Apply heat carefully because excessive heat may blister or deform the base.
- Fold base at mark with face in. While base is still warm, apply adhesive and press into the corner. Carefully push the toe of wall base against the wall to close the triangle.
- Promptly roll the base.
- Cool by holding a wet cloth against the corner. Wipe dry.



Option 2: *Fitted Inside Corner*

- Before applying adhesive, use dividers to scribe fit the base to the first side of the inside corner.
- After fitting the first side of the corner, apply adhesive and install the piece of base.
- Following the same procedure as above, scribe fit the base for the second side of the inside corner.
- Dry fit the second side of the inside corner and make any adjustments as necessary to ensure a tight fit.
- Apply adhesive and install the base for the second side of the inside corner.

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FITTING OUTSIDE CORNERS

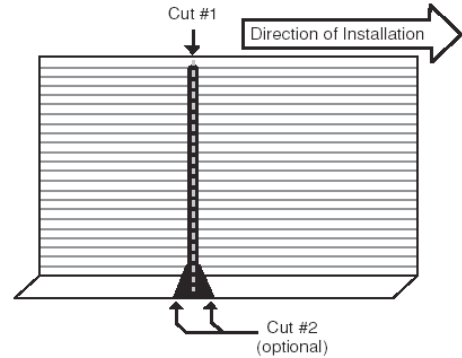
- When approaching an outside corner, stop the application of adhesive a comfortable distance from the corner.
- Extend the base past the corner.
- Using a pencil, mark the back of the base using the corner as a guide.

- Fold the base face in at the line and shave the back while folded (Figure 4.91c), removing the line and approximately 1/8" of base material on either side of it. If using a top set gouge, turn the base face down and make the cut starting at the top and working down to the bottom (Figure 4.91c, Cut #1).

Note: Always gouge on the side of the line in the direction the base will be going.

Important: The depth of this area at its deepest point should not exceed 25% of the base thickness.

- To ensure that the toe sits flush against the floor, the initial cut can be widened on either side of the line (Figure 4.91c, Cut #2) near the bottom of the base. This cut is optional. Make the cut (gouge) downward, widening the initial cut to approximately 1/2" at the bottom.
- Using a hot air blower, warm the back of the base along the line. Apply heat carefully because excessive heat may blister or deform the base.
- Pull up on the toe and turn it inside out. Position the base after applying adhesive and set into place allowing the toe to drop down to form a perfect corner.
- Roll thoroughly or firmly rub corner against the wall.



Forbo's Installation Guide contains additional information and is available for download at www.forboflooringNA.com. For a hard copy, or for additional information, contact Forbo's Product Support & Education Services at 1-800-842-7839.