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Watch this video on floor installation and repair tips for your home, including: Remove glued down floors and glue. Use floor patch compound to smooth a subfloor. Tools used to install carpets. Difference between ceramic and porcelain tiles. Tips on how to lay a tile floor with a substrate membrane. Types of wood and laminate flooring. Tools used to sand a wooden floor. How to keep floors clean. Read the episode article to find out more. VIDEO TRANSCRIPT Danny Lipford: Homeowners love floor projects because they can refine the look of a home so quickly. But they are not without challenges, so this week we serve some floor solutions. This week we dig in to the world of flooring. You know it's one of the biggest spaces you have, and there's no faster way to date or update your home than with floors. Now we get lots of emails on our website about flooring, and some of the challenges you have, whether you're doing it yourself or hiring a pro, for example, you can put a certain type of floor ing over a different type of flooring. And would a certain type of floor be okay in a kitchen or a bathroom. We will address many of these issues this week. But, you know no matter what type of flooring you can install or have installed in your home, it's probably going to need some preparation. The main obstacle in preparing for a floor project is to make sure that the surface where the new floor will be installed is smooth and flat. Whether it's a wooden subfloor or a concrete slab, both can have some valleys and humps that will leave the new floor uneven and can cause some problems installing it. The solution is a material called floor patches that spread out over the floor to fill it in any of the low spots and to smooth but if you exaggerate, you have a lot of grinding to do, so this job may be best left to the pros. But there are some prep chores that almost any homeowner can handle. Joe Truini: The first step in installing a new floor is often to remove the old floor. So here's where you can really save some money, especially when you're dealing with wall-to-wall carpets. Rather than paying a contractor to take it out of a room, you can do it yourself. Now the trick is rather than rolling it up and trying to carry it out of the room, what I suggest is to cut it into three or four foot squares, and then you can carry them out very easily. But rather than cutting carpets from the front, making it really hard because you have to cut through the pile. In addition, you can damage the floor, or in this case we try to save the wooden floor below. What you do is just the mats over, maybe three or four feet wide, then use the tool knife to cut it from the back. The back of the carpet has this really nice rigid fiber and the knife cuts right through it. Once you've started, cut like I said, maybe three or four feet square. You see how easily it cuts from the back? You just keep going all the way down the strip. And you end up with these pieces that you can just kind of stack up so you keep going down. And then when you're done with this strip, flop over, again, another three or four feet, make a disc, and cut it open. What you end up with are a bunch of nice sized squares that you can either leave at the curb for the trash man to pick up or take to a local landfill. Now another thing is before you throw carpets, check with the local refuse company, because you might be able to recycle it. Danny Lipford: Scraps is also an unfortunate byproduct of new floor installation. But in that case, you will want to stick with the extra pieces of floor, they can get you out of a jam later. When rolled floors like carpet or vinyl are damaged the only way to repair it without completely replacing it, is to patch it. But since this is done in batches where lots, it is almost impossible to match the color and texture. With most vinyl, there is a repeating pattern in the printout, so that's the point where you want to make your cut to remove the damage piece. Use a flat straight edge to help you cut a nice straight line. When removing the damaged piece, you also need to clean up any glue that can be left behind. The patch piece can be cut from the scrap in much the same way so that it fits perfectly in the hole. A little vinyl glue on the subfloor will keep the patch in place, but you need to clean up any excess glue with mineral spirits. To ensure the patch really becomes part of the repaired floor, sealing the seams with vinyl seam stealer. If you did this right, the patch will never be marked. When installing a vinyl floor, or any floor that really needs to have a smooth surface, you probably will have to deal with the task of removing what type of flooring is there now. Now, that could be vinyl or it could be a glued down carpet. That glue is really hard to remove. So it's great when we find a tool that makes it a little easier to kind of take care of that kind of task. Now, usually you have to use a floor scraper to remove all the glue, but we found something at the International Builders' Show to give it a try right up against another type of scraper. He came back pretty impressed with a lot of rave reviews over this little simple tool, it only cost about \$12. And all you have to do is put right in your reciprocating saw, and you are ready to remove all this glue and everything needed before installing the new floor. Now Joe has another tip for us that he says will really solve another very common household problem on this week's Simple Solution. Joe Truini: If you live with pets that shed a lot of hair like my friend Blackie here, you're probably familiar with the challenge of vacuuming up or sweeping up dust and hair, especially from carpets or upholstered furniture. The hair just seems to stick in and no matter how many times you vacuum you can't pick it up. So I've come up with a really smart idea, I think, which is an industrial strength lint roll. And all this is is a color roll, a regular color roll that I put on a broom handle as an extension, so that I can reach down and make the whole carpet without having to bend over. And I took duct tape, and I just wrapped it around the sticky side out all the way around in a spiral fashion around the entire roll. Now, all you have to do is just roll it over the carpet. Now here you see, after just a few seconds of going back and forth, how much hair, pet hair but also some dust and cookie crumbs and everything else. Now to a sturdy size, you can probably do it all with just a strip of tape. But after a while it will lose its stickiness and so you have to peel it off, and put another on, and make another carpet, or even upholstered furniture. Danny Lipford: This week we're looking at a number of solutions to some very common floorproblems. And Joe, I'll tell you when you're out on a job site and the floor guys are out there, but they have some weird tools. Joe Truini: Very strange looking tool. But if you are going to lay down your own floor, you will need these tools. Fortunately, they are all available at a tool rental dealer. Danny Lipford: Now this, really odd look. It looks like something from the medieval torture chamber. It's called a stretcher. Joe Truini: Yes, they use it in wall-to-wall carpets to stretch carpet really tight. If you've ever noticed the carpet that has wrinkles in it, it's because someone doesn't use this tool properly. Danny Lipford: And they are usually, this is used in larger areas, so you can put one end of it against the baseboard, then you can really stretch it out to sharpen it. Now in smaller areas, you use one of these oddball looking things, you can see spikes here that hook into the carpet. And then you have this plate that you actually kick with your knee. And it's called a knee kicker. Joe Truini: And then for an apparent large pieces of carpet, where you have two pieces coming together, there's a heat activated tape, and they're an iron to go along the seam. it fuses the strap to the underside, so it basically becomes a large piece of carpet. Danny Lipford: Man, that smell. You can smell all over the job. Joe Truini: Nothing smells like that, it's not good either. Danny Lipford: Of course when you make any other type of flooring like tile, or vinyl, you normally need to remove some existing flooring. And Joe, you saw this thing that I showed you a little earlier. Joe Truini: I did. That's great, not just for tiles or carpets that are glued down, but you can probably get some wooden floors up as well. I like the fact that it is in a cordless mutual saw. Danny Lipford: Yes, it makes it a lot easier. But when the pros are out there, many times they are dealing with larger areas, and they use one of these. It's basically a floor scraper. Well, you can get some blisters on your hands that you wouldn't believe. Joe Truini: A really big job, especially the floor that is completely glued down or a large ceramic tile floor, you might want to consider getting or renting one of these, this is a pro tool, an electric scraper. It makes a lot of noise this is about as loud a tool as you can find, but it will work really well. I understand that they used to use this on roofs, in fact, to pull up roof shingles, imagine it. Danny Lipford: These roofers got tired of pulling this heavy thing up and down the ladder, but it does a pretty good job for a lot of different floors, I've had to use it a number of times. Now, if you make any type of pottery down on the right type of surface. Allen has some great tips for us. Allen Lyle: I'm sitting here with April who has a very common floor project. What are we doing today? April Smith: We're putting down some porcelain tiles today to try and update the bathroom. Allen Lyle: April and I have already removed the toilet, scraped the old floor, and measured the space. But instead of cutting the cement backer board to cover it, we use a polyethylene membrane underlayment from Schluter called Ditra. The first thing you will notice is that it is much easier to cut than the backer board. No power tools, just a utility knife. Installing it is pretty easy too. We just mix up a few thin sets, and in this case it is fortified with a polymer like latex. And we're spreading this all over the subfloor of the bath. This glue will form a ribbon with anchoring fleece that is on the back of the membrane. And this is also easier to trim tightly around the edges. And since it is waterproof, it will be ideal for this bathroom application. From here, the process is much like any other tile project. You lay out the center of the room and just start laying tiles. This time we use thin-set without latex to tie tiles to Ditra. As the cavities in the Fill up, they form dozens of small small columns that support the tiles. The membrane will absorb any movement in the subfloor, without creating cracks in the tile or grout. All in all, it's a pretty cool system. Okay, we still have to inject it, and clean it. What do you think so far? April Smith: Excellent. But we really shouldn't be here right now, should we? Allen Lyle: No. We just put the tray down, they're going to shift a lot, so we need to get it out of here. April Smith: Oh, no. We're also going to make the kitchen floor. Joe Truini: This is a kind of tile cutter Allen used before. It's called a score and snap tile cutter. And it's good for smaller projects. Danny Lipford: Now, if you're dealing with any major projects, or if you put down a natural stone like marble or granite tiles, it's well worth \$50-\$60 a day to rent one of these. It's a wet tile saw. And basically you have water that feeds over the blade to keep it nice and cool. Then this compartment that slides straight under there with the tile. And you have these little stops that will keep the tiles right where you want it. And you can cut a lot of tiles in a short time. Hi, let's check in on our Best New Product of the Week with Jodi Marks. Jodi Marks: Cordless screwdrivers have been around for a long time. So seeing one here is no surprise. What is surprising is the amount of power this small driver packs. This is the new four-volt lithium-ion screws than the competition on a single charge. And a charge will last up to 24 months. So even if you leave it in the kitchen drawer and forget to charge it, you still have power. This power makes it useful for a lot of jobs the pros do. But it is small size and easily makes it also ideal for everyday projects around the house, from mounting furniture to hanging pieces quick and easy. And a builtin LED light comes on with the engine to help when working in dimly lit areas. The kit comes with a bag and six extra SpeedLoad pieces, so for about 30 bucks it is a great value for homeowners or pro. Danny Lipford: This week we're looking at a number of different floor options and solutions to some common floorproblems. We just looked at a few things you need to consider when laying a tile floor. Joe Truini: Firstly, it's great that floor tiles come in a wide range of sizes so you're sure to find tiles that fit your space. Now, floor tiles are usually laid in a square pattern, but you may also want to consider adding it diagonally. Now if you do, take into account that will have a lot of cutting, and it may take a little longer. And usually you have to add about 10 or 15% for cutoff waste. Danny Lipford: And you must also remember that not all tiles are made of the same material. Cindy Hilyer: The two main tiles are the ceramic tiles are the ceramic tiles are the ceramic tiles are the ceramic tiles are made of the same material. and the porcelain plates are a bit more expensive but they are a bit more durable. The porcelain plates do not absorb water as the ceramic tiles do. So they are a bit stronger, a bit more durable for maybe kitchen applications and definitely for outdoor. Either tile is good, depending on your application or tastes and your budget. Danny Lipford: One thing pottery and porcelain have in common, is that you have to finish them both with grout. Grout comes in a variety of colors so you can contrast or match it to tiles as you like. I always suggest that people lean a little towards darker shades, which are less likely to show spots. That's the main drawback of a tile floor-stains in grout lines. You'll get them eventually, unless you do anything to prevent it. After grout dries, you can seal it with a clear sealer. But people often forget this step, so they are left trying to clean up dirty grout, which, truthfully, is rarely very successful. In these cases, it is easier to just cover it up with the grout stain sealer combination. This coats and seals grout protect it and makes it all a uniform color. To prevent this issue altogether, I have had some success with spot-proof grout. I used one recently that came premixed in a plastic tub. It saves some work. But I found that it was a little stiffer than the things you mix yourself. It made it a little harder to apply, and it cost a little more as well. But so far it's blocking these spots, and it makes the effort and cost worthwhile. Another very popular type of flooring is wood, or one that looks like wood. Joe Truini: Here we have some traditional oak floors, it's three-quarter inch thick solid oak. It's a big floor. This one is prefinished, sometimes you'll find it unfinished. The problem with this in a remodeling situation, is that because it is so thick that it can create problems when you transition from one room to another. It's about five sixteenth-inch thick, prefinished. And this is good in rebuilding situation because it is so thin. Danny Lipford: Now this is one that looks like wood, but is actually a laminate floor. Many people call it a floating floor, it actually floats on a layer of foam And it has a nice little snap-lock that snaps together, together, very do-it-yourself-friendly. Now, no matter what type of floor you install in your house when you come up next to the door jambs you will have a challenge there to figure out how to get that problem. It's called a jam saw, it's a pretty aggressive look so you have to be pretty careful when using it. Now you can slide it out right, and it goes right underneath, nice and tight. Joe Truini: Now another alternative to the electric vibrating tool as well. I prefer handsaw, because it is nice and simple, nice and quiet, does not create so much dust. What you need is a piece of floor to use as a guide, and turn it upside down so you don't scratch it up, and then simply make the cut. And what you're going to do is remove the little piece of wood and slide the floor just below. And you can use this not only for the casing, but also for jamb on the side. And it fits right in there perfectly. Danny Lipford: Now, mines much faster than yours there, Joe. Joe Truini: yes mine looks a little different, and mine doesn't smoke up the room either. Danny Lipford: Now, if you already have wooden floors, and they look a little shabby and old, you might want to refinish them. And if so, this is one of the tools you may want to rent. This is a drum grinder, very similar to a really big belt sander. Very aggressive, but it will take the top layer right off the finish on your wooden floors. Joe Truini: Now the drum grinder is good for the middle of the floor, but to get along the edge of the room just near the baseboard, you need an edge grinder like this, which has a round disc. Now, if you decide to refinish your own floors and rent these tools, keep in mind that they are very aggressive. And if you're not careful, you can damage your floor. In fact, in my home, I had the floors refinished recently and I decided to call in a pro. Danny Lipford: Ahh, you slacker. If your heating and cooling system gets clogged with excessive dirt in your home, it needs to run longer to heat or cool the same amount of space. It will cost you more money to use and contribute more greenhouse gas emissions. Your best defense against this is a good quality air filter. But before you buy one of these ninety-nine-cent disposable fiberglass filters, look at how much of this dirt falls right through it. These things will only remove about 10-15% of the dirt, dust, pollen, and other airborne contaminants found in your home. When you consider that the average person inhales about two liters of air every minute, just think what else can go into the lungs. Spend some extra money for a quality filter like coal, HEPA, one with electrostatically charged fibers. These types can remove up to 99% of contaminants, which is really a breath of fresh air. This week we have looked at solutions may require the tools and skills of a pro, while others allow you to manage yourself with just a few simple tools and a little effort. In both cases, realizing that there is a solution to the challenge at hand is the first and biggest step towards overcoming it. We've had fun valking it down. Now, when your floor project is complete, the challenges are not over, they can only begin, to keep it nice and clean. It is very important for the life span of your floor and just to keep it looking good for a long, long time. Make sure you spend some time cleaning. Now, I would check with the manufacturer of floors you have installed to see what they recommend, or you can find some very good quality cleaners out there that can clean a variety of types of flooring. A little cleaning goes a long way, far. And we have more information about cleaning, and flooring, and everything to do with your home on our website on dannylipford.com. 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