



## Stretch fit installation

Carpet is held in position using carpet gripper which is nailed to the subfloor. Carpet is stretched over the underlay and secured to the grippers.

1. Fix gripper to the floor leaving a gap between the skirting and the gripper.
2. Lay the underlay (backing side up) and secure the seams with tape.
3. Rough cut the carpet into place
4. Stretch over the grippers using a knee-kicker.

## Advantages

- Carpet can be up-lifted and replaced
- Gripper system does not require smooth clean

## Disadvantages

- Stretching a carpet weakens the backing
- Delamination can occur when secondary backed carpets are stretched over too soft an underlay
- Periodic restretching may be necessary in high traffic areas
- Fixing gripper is noisy and can damage subfloor