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Installing Strips: Glue-Up Ceilings

Before You Begin

- Your ceiling tiles must be installed correctly. Strips will not adhere properly to uneven, bumpy, or poorly installed tiles.

- Room temperature needs to be between 60°F and 80°F when installing strips, otherwise the adhesive will not stick properly.

- Do not remove the peel surface on the adhesive until you are ready to install. **If the adhesive comes in contact with dust, oil, or grease of any kind it will not adhere to your grid.**

Clean Your Ceiling Tiles

To ensure good adhesion, your ceiling tiles must be perfectly clean and dry! Thoroughly clean and remove contaminants (like grit, dust, or grease). Dust and oil can accumulate during construction and remodels, so even freshly installed ceiling tiles should be cleaned before you apply your strips.

Install Your Decorative or Smooth Strips

"Dry fit" your first decorative or smooth strip by placing the beginning of the strip over the intersection of four ceiling tiles, and its length over the joint between two adjacent tiles. If installing decorative strips, center the "dot end" of the strip over the intersection. Trim to length if necessary.

Peel off the backing of your strip to expose the adhesive. Line the strip up as before and press firmly into place. **Press hard and evenly over the full surface of the strip** to ensure that the adhesive forms a firm bond with the tiles.

Butt the next strip directly against the end of the first. If you are installing decorative strips, pay close attention to the repeating dot-dash pattern; the dot on your second strip will land over the next intersection of four ceiling tiles.

Install all of the strips running in one direction, and then finish by installing the set of strips that run perpendicular to the first, trimming as necessary. If installing decorative strips, you'll need to trim the dot off the end of each strip in this second set in order to keep the dot-dash pattern consistent.

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Installing Strips: Drop Ceilings

Before You Begin

- Your grid must be even and level. Grid strips will not adhere properly to bent/damaged T-bar.

- Room temperature needs to be between 60°F and 80°F when installing strips, otherwise the adhesive will not stick properly.

- Do not remove the peel surface on the adhesive until you are ready to install. **If the adhesive comes in contact with dust, oil, or grease of any kind it will not adhere to your grid.**

Start with an Empty Ceiling

Remove your existing tiles (if you have them!) to give yourself full grid access, which is absolutely necessary to both properly clean the grid and to firmly press the strips in place when installing.

Clean Your Grid

To ensure good adhesion, your grid must be perfectly clean and dry! Thoroughly clean and remove contaminants (like grit, dust, or grease), then dissipate static electricity with a damp rag to avoid attracting dust to the T-bar. Dust and oil can accumulate during construction and remodels, so even brand new grid should be thoroughly cleaned before you apply your strips.

Install Your Decorative or Smooth Strips

"Dry fit" your first decorative or smooth strip by placing the beginning of the strip over the intersection of four ceiling tiles, and its length over the grid between two adjacent tiles. If installing decorative strips, center the "dot end" of the strip over the intersection. Trim to length if necessary.

Peel off the backing of your strip. Line the strip up as before and press firmly into place. Grasp the backside of the grid with one hand and **press hard and evenly over the full surface of the strip** with the other to ensure that the adhesive forms a firm bond with the grid.

Butt the next strip directly against the end of the first. If you are installing decorative strips, pay close attention to the repeating dot-dash pattern; the dot on your second strip will land over the next intersection of four ceiling tiles.

Install all of the strips running in one direction, and then finish by installing the set of strips that run perpendicular to the first, trimming as necessary. If installing decorative strips, you'll need to trim the dot off the end of each strip in this second set in order to keep the dot-dash pattern consistent.