

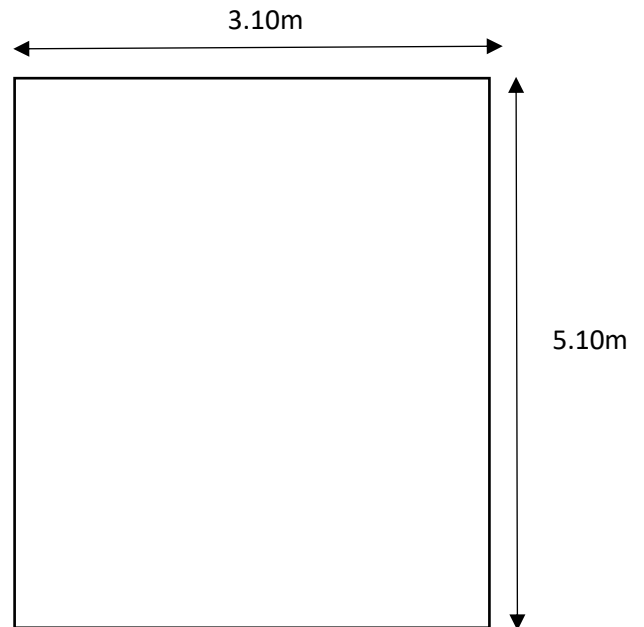
## Measuring Guide – Basic Areas

Equipment needed: You don't need an arsenal of tools to measure, just the basic;

- Pencil • Paper • Tape Measure (Digital Measure can be used as an alternative)

### Measuring your Main Living Areas

1. If your room is a rectangle, this is as simple as measuring the length and width of your room and multiplying them together. Measure the length and width of your room from the longest and widest points. **Remember** you need to consider any alcoves and doorways, measure all the way into these. Sketch out a plan and simply fill in the dimensions. If your room is 5.10 metres long and 3.10 metres wide, the area will be 15.81 metres square because  $5.10 \times 3.10 = 15.81$ . In a perfect world you'd hope your walls are square, however you need to consider how square your walls are. An old cottage for example may have walls that run out of square, and you will need to allow plenty on your dimensions for this reason, remember it is cheaper to order a little too much than finding your flooring too short!

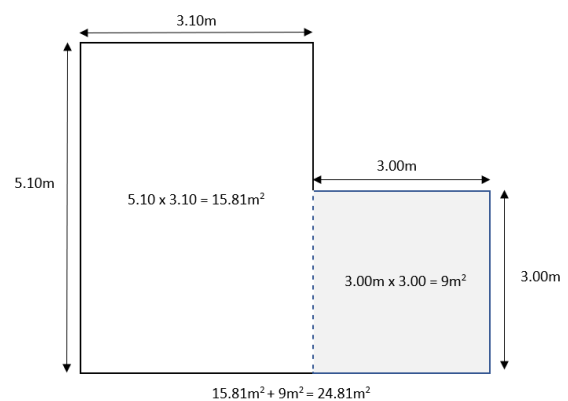


2. A top tip is to add 10cm on to both the length and width of the dimensions (or more if you are unsure!). This allows for waste and prevents you falling short on your walls when fitting.
3. Using the example above let's consider the dimensions being 5.10m long and 3.10m wide it is important to consider how the carpet comes. Carpets mostly come manufactured in 4.00 & 5.00 metre widths. Taking the measurements above you will need a 5.10m x 4.00m carpet.  
Note: - You could order a 3.10m x 5.00m width carpet but you need to be certain your room size is correct and understand that manufactures sometimes state there is up to 5% tolerance on the manufactured widths! You're safer to go with the 5.10m x 4.00m carpet!

If your room isn't rectangular, we recommend splitting it into rectangular sections. Multiply the width and length of each rectangle together to find the area. Then, add the areas of each rectangle together to find the total area. If you have an L shaped room, for example, this can be split into 2 rectangles.

And if you've got a complicated room, this method still works. Simply split the room into as many rectangles as needed. Multiply the length and width of each rectangle to find the areas, then add them all together to find the total area.

(Remember to jot down the measurements as you go along!)



## Measuring Guide – Hall, Stairs & Landings

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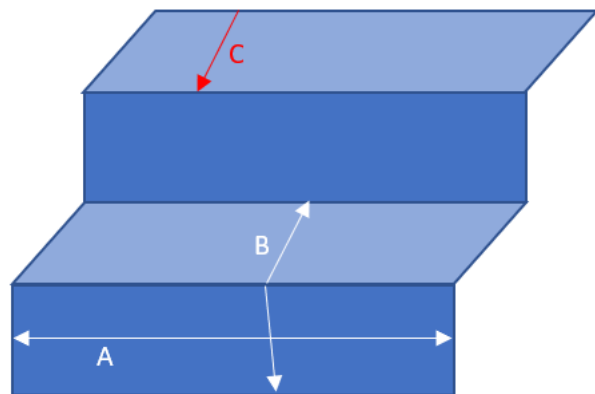
### Measuring your Hall

The same as a standard room or landing, take the widest and longest points in your hallway. You may find in an L shaped hall you can have a substantial waste, but don't worry this waste may be able to use on the stairs!

Make sure you remember the pile direction runs down the length of the carpet towards the front door.

### Measuring the Stairs

- Measure from the base of the step to the longest edge of the tread, and down the riser to get the length measurement. (The tread is the surface you stand on and the rise is the vertical area.)
- Measure the width of the widest step.
- This total measurement will be the length and width for one step
- Multiply your stair measurement by the number of steps of the same size, to get the total length required.
- If you have stairs that differ in size, take these measurements and include them in the total length.



Tip: - Add a minimum of 10cm (4 inches) to the total length, allowing for any waste.

An Example 12 steps x 90cm wide (width) by 50cm long (length)

- A – Longest width of step (normally between 76cm and 93cm)
- B – Longest length across tread & down the riser
- C – Pile direction must flow down the stairs

## Reminder!

If you have a step with overhang (a nose) remember to factor this into your measurements.

### Measuring your Landing

Remember to measure over the top step and into doorways and recesses. Measure the length and measure the width same you would a normal room.

1. Measure over the step
2. Measure the longest length remember into doorways and recesses.
3. Measure the longest width remembering to go into doorways and recesses.

Bear in mind the pile direction must go over the top step and down the staircase.

### Additional Thoughts to Bear in Mind

- Gather all measurements of landings and any other accents, such as doorways and alcoves.
- Account for these additional measurements into your staircase carpet order.
- If you plan to install a carpet runner only, measure the width of the area that you plan to cover and follow the steps above to get the length and width.
- Generally, carpet runners are sold in a variety of standard width measurements.
- When purchasing a carpet runner, you do not need to worry about exact width measurements. Simply purchase the width that best suits your needs.
- Irregular shaped stairs; such as winding staircases, should be measured at their widest points.
- For patterned or striped carpets on irregular shaped staircases, you may have to seek advice on a different method for measuring, enabling the pattern or stripes of the carpet to seamlessly flow down your staircase.

### That's it!

Once you're all measured review the check list below and then you're ready to order your perfect new flooring!

## Check List - Things to Remember!

Now go back and double check every measurement for complete accuracy.

- Have you measured into all the doorways (not just off the skirting boards as doors sit further back!).
- Have you considered all alcoves, cubby holes etc.
- Have you allowed for the extra length and width to assist fitting and squaring up in the room prior to fitting? Fitters need a little wiggle room!
- Always consider the pile direction – this travels down the length of the material. Always aim to face this pile direction into the heavy impact of traffic as often as possible. So, for example on the stairs and landing the pile direction goes over the top step and down the stairs, so when your feet land on each step they crush into the pile.



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