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How to replace a floorboard

Replacing a damaged or cracked floorboard is a relatively simple operation. If you are not able to perform the repairs yourself, contact your Mercier retailer.



Select a replacement board slightly longer than the one to be changed. Check to see it matches the surrounding boards.



Using a circular saw or router, cut the board lengthwise to within 1/2" of the edges. For a glued board, make several cuts close together to separate the board into smaller sections.



Make a diagonal cut down the center of the board from one end to the other of the cuts made in Step B. It may be necessary to make more than one cut if the board is glued in place.



Using a wood chisel, remove the central part of the board first (between the side cuts).



Remove nails or staples (this step does not apply to glued Engineered boards), then remove edges, taking care not to damage the adjacent boards.



Remove the underlying construction paper or adhesive and clean any residue from the subfloor.



Trim the replacement board to the desired length, cutting excess length from the tongue end.



Remove the lower edge of the groove on the end and side of the board.



Position the board to check the fit, then remove it.



Apply glue to the subfloor.



Install the board, using a rubber mallet and a wood block to place it in position.

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