

Notes re stair runners – Details below to be added to the screens

General introduction

Any carpet suitable for use on stairs we can make a runner from the same carpet fitted to all other areas or you can select a striped or patterned option to be made into a narrow width runner and installed with or without stair rods.

Carpet grippers are used in both cases to secure the carpet to the stairs and then the stair rods are purely for aesthetic finish and not to secure the carpet. As the carpet is cut to the width required the cut edges need to be edge finished. There several options of finish ad detailed below. When deciding the width of the runner on an average width staircase (750mm – 850mm) we would recommend a runner width of between 550mm – 690mm. Remember if you are planning on adding stair rods then the minimum width of the rods needs to be 100mm wider than the runner width to allow for the brackets.

Please note the process required to install carpets to stairs requires gripper to be nailed onto the treads & risers and the carpet to be hammered into the gripper. This can cause cracks in the steps on the exposed paint that may need touching up afterwards. This cannot be avoided in the installation process.

Fixed Width Runners

This option the carpet width is the same on all stairs and the perimeter gap varies depending on the width of the stairs.

Fixed Perimeter Runners

This option the perimeter (painted or stained exposed wood) is the same on all stairs and the carpet width varies depending on the width/shape of the stairs.

Edge Finish

Stair runners cut from a broadloom width need to be edge finished. The most popular options are:

- Whipped edges (over edging/blanket stitch) using a matching or contrasting yarn is the most cost effective option.
- Blind binding is a coloured tape that covers the edge of the carpet and is fixed to the back but very little tape is visible from the surface of the carpet.
- Tape binding using a contrasting tape in linen, cotton or faux leather/suede. With this option the amount of tape visible on the surface edge can be selected. The width of the visible tape varies depending on the width of the runner but an average runner shows between 40-50mm.

Stair Rods

There is a wide range of styles, widths and finishes in stair rods. There are options available to compliment modern, traditional and rustic style décor.

Finish Bottom Step

There are two options of finish for the bottom step of the runner flight.

- The runner can either finish to the floor on the hall or landing below.
- It can be turned and tacked under the lip of the bottom step (see example picture) leaving the bottom riser exposed. This option ensures that when the hall/landing floor is cleaned the cleaning products do not stain the carpet. In our opinion this is the better option but remind your decorator to paint or stain the full width of the bottom step riser.

(Gallery headings & sub headings required)

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