stair runner INSTALLATION GUIDE

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tools needed:



- Stair runner
- Carpet underlay
- Staple gun
- Bolster chisel
- Sharp scissors
- Carpet tape
- Painters tape
- Tape Measure
- Pencil

Optional: add stair rods

If you would like to add an extra statement to your stairs, consider stair rods. Follow the stair rods manufacturing guidelines for installation, ensuring the runner is securely in place before use. **1. Measuring** Use a tape measure to measure the length of the tread, bullnose and riser of one step, then simply multiply by the total number of steps. This will tell you the length of runner you need.



2. Preparing the stairs Mark each riser and tread with the painters tape to show where the runner should go. Then measure and cut the carpet underlay--- 20mm narrower (remember you only need padding for the tread) and attach with a staple gun. Add carpet adhesive tape to the riser.



3. Attaching the stair runner Start at the top of the stairs, just underneath the bullnose. Then work your way down the stairs, securing the runner under the bullnose, at the edges and in the corners with an industrial stapler. Get a tight fit with a bolster chisel.



4. Cut the excess Leave around 5cm (2 inches) of excess rug, then simply fold and secure at the bottom of the stairs.



Runner installation can be done both professionally or by an experienced DIYer. Always make sure the runner is properly fitted to the stairs to prevent trip hazards.



Why add a stair runner?

- Add a stylish element to a forgotten space
- Take the pressure off your feet by adding a layer of comfort
- The cushioning layer is ideal for reducing noise on hard-floors
 - Can add a layer of grip underfoot

Do I need padding under my stair runner?

Yes, to add extra cushioning and to prevent your rug from slipping. Some stair runners have inbuilt slipresistant backing. You can find anti-slip on Dunelm.com and then simply cut to size. For additional padding, a carpet underlay can be used.

How easy is my stair runner to fit?

A stair runner can be fitted by an experienced DIYer, you'll need to know how to measure and use tools to attach the runner to your staircase. If you're unsure, a professional carpet fitter will be able to assist.

How long does it need to be?

Your new stair runner should be the entire length of the staircase including the riser, tread length and bullnose. If you're unsure, size up!

What if I can't find a stair runner in the length that I need?

If you can't find the right length for you then you can always double up! Once you know the length you need, find a stair runner you love and then buy enough to make up the length you need. Remember if you've chosen a runner with a design, order extra. to account for any wastage when making the patterns align.