



### **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, unless it has a slip-resistant backing.

You can find anti-slip on [Dunelm.com](https://www.dunelm.com) and then simply cut to size.

### **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.

#### Tools needed:

- **Attachment equipment**  
There are a lot of ways to attach your runner, we recommend researching what will work best for your staircase
- **Measuring tape**
- **String and pen**
- **Scissors /safety knife**
- **Anti-slip mat** - if the stair runner doesn't have slip-resistant backing

## *installing your runner*



**1. Measuring** We recommend measuring your stairs using the easy string method (above).

Alternatively, you can use a tape measure to measure the length of the tread and riser of one step, then simply multiply by the total number of steps.

**2. Preparing the stairs** Mark a line on each riser and tread to show where the rug should go. This will be your guide for where to attach the rug onto the stairs and will make sure the rug is perfectly central.

**3. Add anti-slip, if needed** If you're using an anti-slip mat with your stair runner, cut a rectangle (slightly smaller than the width of your stair runner to prevent it from being seen) for each stair tread. Place it on the first stair tread and attach the rug to the stair tread.

**4. Attaching the stair runner** We recommend starting at the top to make moving the runner down easier. Begin at the top of the rise, just underneath the bullnose. Then work your way down attaching tightly as you go, using whichever method works best for your staircase. Remember to keep pulling the rug tight as you continue up the stairs and follow your guide line marks to ensure the rug stays central.

**6. Joining two runner rugs** If you have a long set of stairs and need to join two stair runners together, then you can do that at the bottom of the riser. By joining here you will match the natural seam of the staircase to make the join appear less noticeable. Don't forget to make sure the designs on the stair runners line up to add to the seamless look.

**7. Cut the excess** If you have extra length of stair runner you should carefully cut it off with scissors or a safety knife. Leave around 5cm (2 inches) of excess rug, then simply fold to leave a nice clean edge and attach to the end of the stairs.

**8. Fit 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.