



## CORTIÇA LAYING INSTRUCTIONS

**Important:** Cork is a natural product so colour variation is an inherent characteristic of cork flooring. Please ensure that you shuffle the carton of tiles before laying so that a pleasing random effect is achieved.

NB No claims whatsoever will be considered, once the tiles are laid. Please check the colour with the client, prior to laying

- 1. Spread Primer over total floor area using a brush, roller or flat trowel.
- 2. When dry (approx. 10 minutes) spread contact adhesive over total floor area using only the flat trowel. Ensure that no lumps of adhesive are left on the floor. Cut any lumps out with a Stanley knife if necessary. Do not work the adhesive. Just spread a skim.
- 3. The contact will go tacky clear after 10-15 minutes. This is the time to lay
- 4. The tiles can be lifted off the contact if not laid correctly, but once pressure is applied, the tiles will not move.
- 5. After laying, roll the floor with a heavy roller to ensure total contact
- 6. Where you have had to cut into the coloured cork tile, create your own bevel by sweeping the edge of the tile with a piece of fine grit sandpaper. Then apply the touch-up paint you have been supplied. It is easiest to apply the colour with a rag.
- 7. Lightly sand either by hand or with a pole sander using 320 400 grit sandpaper.
- 8. Using a wide brush or mohair roller, apply the final coat of water borne polyurethane as supplied. You may also choose to add a second application of water borne to give extra shine and protection which will involve a light hand sand and re-coat with Waterborne Polyurethane as supplied by Cork Concepts
- 9. Room/product temperature must not drop below 13°C during application and avoid coating early morning & late afternoon especially in winter. Use a moisture meter if in any doubt DON'T GUESS!

Note: The manufacturing process subjects the cork tiles to extreme variations in temperature. As a result, there may be some expansion of the tiles. Please be aware of this and be prepared to straight-edge the tiles to re-establish a true line while laying. In this event, create a small hand bevel as per the instructions in 6 above.