

Practical Guide to housekeeping

Applying floor
finish in

10

easy
steps



Follow the Leader!

To properly strip a floor, follow these steps:

1 Preparation: Before you begin, be sure to clear the room of all furniture and objects that could interfere with the stripping process. Protect walls, baseboards and other adjacent surfaces with tape and plastic sheeting to prevent splashing.

2 Choose the appropriate stripper: Select a stripper based on the amount of finish present on the floor.

3 Protect yourself: Before handling the stripper, wear protective gloves, safety glasses and a mask to protect yourself from potentially dangerous fumes.

4 Apply the stripper: Apply generously using a damp mop. Work in sections to prevent the stripper from drying before you can remove it.

5 Let it work: Let the stripper act for the time recommended by the manufacturer. This may vary depending on the type of stripper and the thickness of the coating to be removed.

6 Scrape or scrub: Use a scraper equipped with a black pad or brush to scrape the floor.

7 Remove Residue: Remove stripper residue and coating residue using appropriate tools such as a damp mop or wet/dry vacuum. Be sure to remove all stripper to prepare the floor for the next finish.

8 Rinse floor thoroughly: After removing all stripper residue, rinse the floor thoroughly with clean water to remove any chemical residue.

9 Dry the floor: Make sure the floor is completely dry before applying any new finishes or continuing the restoration process.

10 Apply the new finish: If you plan to refinish the floor with a new finish, be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions for proper application.

It is essential to follow the manufacturer's instructions for the stripper used, as some strippers can be corrosive and require special precautions.

If you're not sure whether you can strip the floor yourself, consider hiring a professional for optimal results.