

Reading instructions in construction

If you work with products such as paint and adhesive, you will need to read labels carefully to check the contents and to find out how to use and store them.

Quantities

Pay special attention to numbers and measurement. You need to know approximately (approx) how much of a product to order for a particular job.

You are coating a 12 m² wall using vinyl adhesive. You need 1 kg of adhesive to cover each 3 m². Divide the area (12) by the coverage (3) to find the total quantity. In total, you need 4 kg.

If the number does not divide exactly, you will have to round the remainder up to the nearest complete unit. So for 14 m² divide 14 by 3 = 3 remainder 2. You will need 4 cans in total.

Bold print is often used for section headings.

Numbered lists are used for instructions that you need to carry out in order.

Bullet points are used for key points, listed under a heading.

Vinyl adhesive

Suitable for vinyl floor-coverings and cork tiles

Application:

1. Use 1.5 mm x 5mm notched trowel for vinyl and **2mm x 6mm** for cork.
2. Apply adhesive evenly to the **substrate** and allow it to dry for 30 – 60 minutes until just wet.
3. Press tiles firmly into place.

Coverage: appx 3m²/kg depending on the **porosity** of the substrate.

Storage: 12 months if stored between 5 - 30°C in a cool, dry area, in original unopened containers.

Health and safety

- Do not **ingest**
- Keep out of reach of children and pets
- Avoid contact with eyes and skin
- Wear suitable protective clothing

Check the meaning of any unfamiliar words. Use a dictionary or look online. For example, the meaning of substrate is 'an underlying layer'.