



Just a couple of tips that can make your project a success:

1. Let the carpet warm in the sun for a short period. This removes wrinkles and softens the backing making it more pliable and easier to work with.
2. Always allow yourself **extra** when doing your measurements.
3. Use only approved **marine glue**. Other glues may dry too quickly or may let loose when exposed to water.
4. **Always use glue in a well-ventilated area.**

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Tools

Utility Knife with a large supply of blades
Small clamps
Screw drivers (Phillips and a straight)
Socket Set
Straight edge
Scraper
Tape measure
Marker
Trowel
Rags
Vacuum
Marine glue
Marine carpet

Work Area

In order to do the job right, you will need to find a large flat area to work. Plan on needing the area for 24 hours to ensure proper glue adhesion. It is recommended this area be away from the elements and indoors.

Note: It's important to keep the grain or "nap" of the carpet going in the same direction on all pieces when you are working with the carpet. Which direction you choose is up to you. The "nap" can be determined by rubbing the face of the carpet parallel to the lines on the back of the carpet. In one direction the carpet will appear darker and in the other direction the carpet will appear lighter.

Steps

1. Start by removing all the hardware and storage lids. Be sure to mark the lids and which direction they lay in the boat.

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2. Remove the old carpet.
3. Remove the glue residue left behind with your scraping tool. This could take some time but it's important to get the majority lifted so that you get a good seal with the new carpet.
4. Vacuum everything and wipe all areas to be carpeted down with a damp cloth.
5. Take the measurements of the flooring area. Add a little extra when taking your measurements.
6. Start in one section and work your way down the boat.
7. Using the utility blade cut the carpet to your adjusted measurements. It is best to change blades routinely to ensure the cuts are clean.
8. Check the cut carpet for fit.
9. Apply an ample amount of glue with a trowel to the area to be covered.
10. Lay the carpet on the glue and adjust to fit properly. Leave the excess overhang for now. You will return and trim later.
11. Once you have the complete floor carpeted, let the carpet set for 24 hours. If you have lids and compartments, skip to step 14.
12. Use your Phillips screwdriver to run along the edge of the carpet on the floor and mark on the face of the carpet where the cut will be made.
13. Using the utility knife trim the carpet to fit. Skip to step 17.
14. Use the same "measure, cut and glue" process to cover your lids and compartments remembering to run the "nap" of the carpet in the same direction. For the lids, be sure to measure enough carpet to allow for the wrapping of the edges.
15. Apply the glue to lids and edges using continuous pressure rubbing back and forth to ensure the adhesive bonds.
16. Use the clamps to hold the carpet in place for a minimum of 24 hours. If you skipped step 12 and 13, return to them now and complete the process.
17. After the glue has set, you can trim the carpet on the lids and compartments.
18. Reapply all hardware that you removed.
19. You are finished! Now get on the water!