

Self Adhesive Cork Square Installation

Congratulations on your purchase of some of the finest Cork Squares manufactured today. WIDGETCO® Self Adhesive Cork Squares work great as pin & tack boards, acoustic tiles, or as a beautiful natural aesthetic to a home, office or dorm room. We want you to get years of enjoyment from this product and have included some helpful tips below, but rest assured, every application is different and cork is a natural product, so we recommend you try a few tiles out to be sure they perform right for you.

IMPORTANT *Wait 2 weeks before applying to freshly painted or primed walls to ensure adhesion. Reports of Self Adhesive Cork Squares not adhering to freshly painted or primed walls have occurred.*

Follow these steps for proper installation:

1. Allow cork squares to acclimate to room temperature before installing. Like many natural products, cork can expand or contract fractionally with changes in temperature. **After opening package, lay cork squares individually on floor prior to installation and allow 72 hours to adjust to room temperature.**
2. While you are waiting for the corks to come to temperature, clean the work surface. It should be smooth, dry and dust free for best adhesion. **If your wall was recently painted, the wall should be fully dried for 14 days before applying cork. We do not recommended applying Cork Wall Tiles to brick, concrete or rough surfaces.**
3. **Always test 6 squares and allow 24 hours to be sure they work adhered well.** It's a good idea to draw an X and Y axis on the wall surface where you will install the cork squares. Use a level to keep everything straight. If you are doing an entire wall, you may need to cut some corks when you get to the edge (see step 6), but if you measure carefully, you may save some time cutting.
4. Now it's time to place your first tile - this is the fun part! Carefully peel the backing paper, being mindful not to remove the layer of adhesive. Stick the Cork Square to the wall at the axis point you drew. Press firmly, applying **significant pressure** to the cork tiles. At the WIDGETCO offices and our homes, we like to firmly roll a baker's rolling pin over the cork to insure maximum adhesion. Although we use a fantastic double sided adhesive in manufacturing, there are many different applications and work surfaces out there. Some contractors choose a water-based construction adhesive as back up. You can do this if you choose. We have yet to have a tile fall off our walls and we have applied them in many applications without extra glue. Do what you feel is best for you. We recommend you install a few tiles to test, and observe for a day or two to ensure adhesion.
5. After you have applied the first tile and are comfortable with the look and performance, and since we can't take any returns after peeling and sticking, gently butt each cork tile up to each other and work outward. Remember to roll over each tile with a rolling pin soon after adhering to the work surface, or press firmly against the cork with a heavy book.
6. If you are doing a complete wall and find you need to cut some tiles - you can do so with a box cutter knife. It helps to score the cork first.
7. When you are done, it's time to enjoy the eco-friendly and natural beauty of cork. We thank you for your business and hope you will shop with us again. Have a nice day!