# Inspiring Great Spaces®



# NATURAL CREATIONS® LUXURY FLOORING WITH DIAMOND 10® TECHNOLOGY INSTALLATION TIPS

Are you installing the new Natural Creations® Luxury Flooring with Diamond 10® Technology? Before you begin, there are a few things to know that will help your installation go more smoothly.

### Recommended blades to cut Natural Creations® Luxury Flooring with Diamond 10® Technology

Due to the rigid vinyl structure and scratch-resistant properties, we recommend using the following blades to achieve a clean, straight cut:

 Standard Utility Knife with a Titanium Blade



2. German Concave Hook Blade



You can also use a Standard Utility Knife blade, as long as the blade is sharp.

#### A note about Dull Blades:

Titanium blades will last longer approximately 3 times longer than standard blades throughout the installation while cutting Natural Creations® Luxury Flooring with Diamond 10® Technology.

Use of a dull blade will cause the tile to be difficult to snap at the score line. It will also cause splintering, shattering, fracturing and fraying of the tile.



Cut with a sharp blade



Cut with a dull blade

#### **Tips for intricate cuts**

For cutting around pipes, door casings and other intricate cuts, we recommend using a heat gun or torch to heat the back of the tile prior to cutting. This will soften the backing enough to cut through the structure cleanly. If tile begins to cool during cutting, stop and reheat before proceeding with the cut.

Do not heat the tile from the front—this will damage the film on the tile and prevent the tile from laying flat during installation.

## Tips for cutting thin sections off of tile

If you need to trim a small section off of the tile horizontally or lengthwise, pliers will make snapping the cut section off easier. Score the tile with your blade as you normally would. Use a pair of standard pliers, tile nippers or wide-nose pliers (for lengthwise cuts) to grab the tile and snap at the score.

#### **Additional Recommended Cutting Tool**

In addition to utility knives, Natural Creations® Luxury Flooring with Diamond 10® Technology can be cut using a MagnaShear tile cutter. As with utility knives, the blade must be sharpened for best results.