

Recommendations for installing WLBB antique flooring:

The following guidelines are intended only for the use of a purchaser at his/her own discretion. West Lincoln Barnboard and Beams in no way endorses, guarantees, or warrants any of the following recommendations or procedures.

If you are planning to install your own floor, we recommend the following:

Prior to installing the wood floor, please ensure the sub-floor has been properly screwed down and is free of paint, urethane, or other coatings.. Then apply an adhesive such as PL400 (or your preferred floor adhesive) to keep loose or fragile knots in place, weathered boards firm, and bottoms of holes sealed where epoxy will be used. Then use your preferred fastening system (nails, screws, glue coated air nails, etc.) on the tongue to fix it in place. For any missing knots or scars, we recommend using black epoxy and following the manufacturer's recommendation..

It is necessary to sand the floor after installation and prior to applying the finishes, making sure the final sanding is light with a fine grit paper. It is also necessary to sand the floor with fine paper by hand or with a pole or palm sander or buffing machine before applying the last coat of finish. This makes the finish smooth. Otherwise it will be gritty.

We recommend that you finish the floor with an oil based polyurethane, applying at least 2-3 applications. For the first coat of polyurethane, we recommend that you either heat the urethane in a tub of hot water or dilute it with 10% mineral spirits and let this thinned product flow into the wood. This will seal the wood and flow into cracks, distress marks, scars, etc. The second coat of urethane can be applied at room temperature. The final coat should be thinned with mineral spirits as it will be easier to work with and will give a smoother finish.

The above procedure will provide you with a hard finish for lasting wear. To periodically maintain your floor, simply lightly sand it and apply thinned polyurethane. This will restore a hard wearing surface.

Other wood treatment products are available such as stains or Tung oil, but many take up to 24 hours to dry. We suggest experimenting with the cut-offs and different finishes to find the most preferable appearance.