## General Installation Guide #4

## Stone Medallion Installed into 3/4 in. (19 mm) Wood Floors

Read instructions completely before starting installation.

Inspect all products before installing, if there is a concern, contact Oshkosh Designs immediately. By installing the product(s) you are accepting the product(s).

#### Supplies ncluded in this carton:

- 1 Stone medallion
- 1 Plywood template
- 1 Urethane adhesive tube
- 1 Router bit
- 1 Tube of caulk
- Adhesive 3M tabs

#### Additional tools needed:

- A plunge router (not to exceed 2 hp)
- Nail or stud finder
- Nail set
- Pliers
- Hammer
- Chisel
- Scraper
- Vacuum cleaner
- Eye and ear protection
- Dust mask
- Masking tape
- Utility knife

#### WOOD DUST WARNING

Note: Drilling, sawing, sanding, or machining wood products generates wood dust, a substance known to the State of California to cause cancer. Avoid inhaling wood dust or use a dust mask or other safeguards for personal protection.



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# **Preparing for Installation:**

A good installation begins with a good subfloor, whether it's a slab or wood. Oshkosh Designs medallion must be installed over a sound and flat subfloor in compliance with the National Wood Flooring Association, 111 Chesterfield Industrial Blvd., Chesterfield, MO 63005; 800.422.4556 (US); 800.848.8824 (CAN).

### Installation:

1. Place the stone medallion on the subfloor in the desired location. Draw a pencil line on the subfloor around the stone medallion. Measure from two walls to the pencil line and write down these measurements on the template, so you can place the stone medallion in the same place when the pencil lines are covered up.



For retrofitting a stone medallion into an existing floor, draw around the stone medallion on the existing floor. Run a stud finder along your pencil line to locate nails and mark with a pencil. As nails or staples are exposed while routing, use a nail set to drive deeper or remove with pliers. Proceed to step 3.



2. Begin installation of your hardwood flooring. When you reach the stone medallion outline on the subfloor, overlap the line by 1 to 2 in. (25 to 50 mm) with the flooring, being sure to nail each flooring board about 1 to 2 in. (25 to 50 mm) **outside the line**. To avoid hitting nails with the router bit, do not nail on or inside the pencil line.



3. Position the plywood installation template over the pencil line. If the line is on the subfloor (now covered with flooring), use your measurements from Step 1 to help position the template. Secure the template to the floor, using the adhesive 3M tabs (double-stick tape) provided.



4. With the router in its full up position, insert the shank of the bit into your router and tighten. Now lower the router or plunge it until the top of the bearing above the cutter is even with the bottom side of the faceplate of your router and lock the router at this depth (when in the cutting position, only the bearing and cutter should be exposed below the router faceplate). In this position, the entire bearing will ride on the inside of the template and the depth of your first cut will be no more than 1/4 in. (6 mm).



5. Plunge the bit into the flooring about 1 in. (25 mm) inside the template. This will prevent possible damage to the template when you insert or start your cutting into the floor. Pull the bit snugly against the template so the bearing makes contact with the inside wall of the template. Make all cuts in a clockwise direction. Move the router slowly, giving it time to cut and to keep heat build up to a minimum. It is important to keep the faceplate of the router flat on the plywood template at all times to insure a clean cut. Make several shallow passes with the router, cutting no more than 1/4 in. (6 mm) with each pass. Vacuum the sawdust from the cutting groove after each pass. Pry loose flooring from the hole and scrape bottom of the hole smooth, if necessary. Remove template and fill nail holes in floor with matching wood filler, if necessary. Remove felt paper from stone medallion cut-out area, vacuum cut-out are to remove all debris and replace felt paper for sanding of medallion backer.



#### 6. Unfinished Flooring:

If flooring is prefinished please proceed to Step 7. Place the stone medallion upside-down on top of the felt paper in the hole you have just cut out. Sand the back side fo the stone medallion with the rest of the floor. Remove the stone medallion before staining or applying finish to the surrounding wood floor. Proceed to Step 8.

#### 7. Prefinished Flooring:

**Dry fit the medallion**. Attach two strips of packaging tape several inches longer than the stone medallion to the wood backer (this gives you a handle for removing the stone medallion from the hole). The stone medallion should be flush and level with the surrounding hardwood floor. Remove the stone medallion from the hole and remove the felt paper. The adhesive will replace the thickness of the felt paper. Remove tape handles from the backside of the stone medallion before installation.



8. Using provided adhesive, bead even lines (1/8 to 1/4 in. diameter) of adhesive approximately every 1-1/2 in. to 2 in. onto subfloor into cut-out area. **Use only as much adhesive as necessary to cover cut-out area**.



9. Place stone medallion (stone side up) onto adhesive and press into place so stone medallion is flush and level with surrounding wood floor. When properly positioned, there will be a 3/16 in. (5 mm) gap between the stone and the surrounding wood floor.



10. Allow the adhesive to set for 24 hours. For easier clean up, tape over the expansion joint with masking tape and trim tape with a utility knife so only the joint is exposed. Fill the expansion joint between the stone medallion and the surrounding wood floor with the silicone acrylic latex caulk provided. Remove the tape, and then use a damp cloth to clean caulk from surrounding area, being careful not to touch caulked seam.

CARE AND CLEANING: Commercial hardwood floor cleaners ( blue liquid with a neutral ph value) such as made by Bona Kemi or Basic Coatings will clean the wood medallion and surrounding hardwood floors.