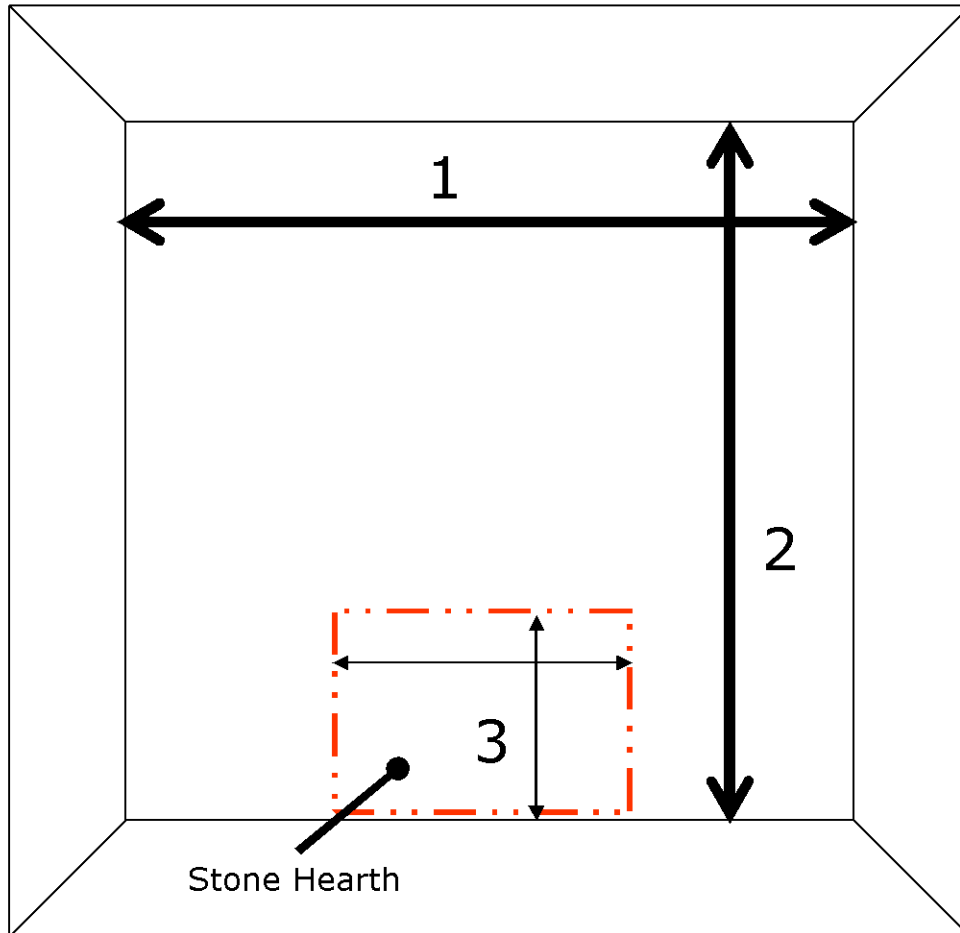




Flooring Measuring Guide



Measuring for your new floor is easy. Flooring is sold in boxes measured by the square ft. To determine how much flooring you will need, follow these simple steps:

1. Measure the width of the room (1) wall to wall or baseboard to baseboard if you have it in place.
2. Measure the length of the room (2) wall to wall or baseboard to baseboard if you have it in place.
3. Multiply the length (1) times the width (2) to come up with the room's total square footage.
4. If the room has areas where new flooring will not be needed (3), as in the example above, repeat steps 1 and 2, measuring the largest rectangle you can fit within the area and deduct it from the total square footage.

For Example: If the width of the room above is 10 feet, and the length is 12 feet, the room's total square footage is 120 feet, $10 \times 12 = 120$. Then, determine the hearth size, 4 feet by 3 feet, or 12 square feet ($4 \times 3 = 12$). Deduct the hearth from the total room and come up with the finished square footage needed, 108 square feet ($120 - 12$).

5. Add a waste factor to your finished measurement of 2% for laminate flooring or 5% for solid wood. The solid wood waste factor is determined not only by cuts, but also by imperfect boards in the box that you will want to discard.

For Example: The waste factor in the above example would be 3 square feet for laminate and 6 square feet for solid wood, $2\% (.02) * 108 = 3$ or $5\% (.05) * 108 = 6$. Therefore, the total square footage needed in this example is 111 square feet ($108 + 3 = 111$) for laminate and 114 ($108 + 6 = 114$) square feet for solid wood.

When in doubt, bring your room measurements into your nearest Curtis Lumber to have our salespeople calculate the amount you will need.