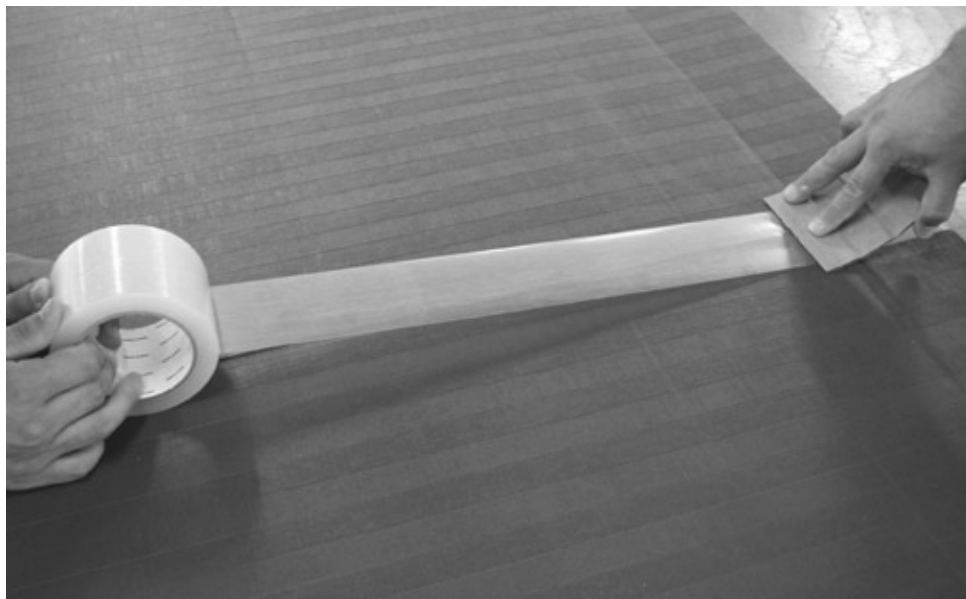


How to apply tape to Dollamur Tatami mats

1. Surface must be clean and dry, wipe with damp clean towel and allow to dry.
2. Tape is best applied using two people. The tape Operator (person holding the tape spool) and the Smoother (the person holding the end of the tape and smoothing the tape onto the mat).
3. Make sure the seam of the mat is completely pushed together (no gaps). You can spot tape a few sections to keep the seam closed while you are applying the tape.
4. With the tape smoother holding the end of the tape so that the tape is applied over the center of the seam. The tape operator will pull and unroll tape off of spool. The tape can be hard to unroll from spool so the tape will become stretched while unrolling. Do not attempt to unroll more than a few feet of tape at a time.
5. It is very important for the tape operator to allow the tape to relax (shrink back to normal length) before the smoother places the tape in contact with the mat. Tape that is applied to the mat in a stretched condition will not adhere properly to surface. Applying the tape in a stretched condition will also cause the tape to split on the seam.
6. While the tape operator holds the spool at the mat level, the smoother can now apply the tape to the mat surface. Using a small squeegee or rigid cardboard to press the tape down will help eliminate any bubbles or wrinkles. Rub the tape firmly to create the best bond (refer to picture below).



7. After tape is applied by smoother, walking on the tape seam will help the tape adhere. You can use the mat immediately after taping, however the tape will develop a stronger bond to the mat surface after about 12 hours.