



CARPET BONDED FOAM MAT (CHEER MAT)

INSTALLATION, OPERATION,
& MAINTENANCE MANUAL



WARNING – Improper assembly or use of this product and the activity of climbing has risks that can lead to injury, paralysis, and even death. Read these instructions and warnings before installation and use!

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SYMBOLS EXPLAINED



ENSURE THAT YOU READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL SAFETY PROCEDURES

The following safety symbols are used throughout this manual to highlight potential dangers. One or more precautions may be associated with practices and procedures described within this manual. Failure to adhere to any precautions highlighted can result in death, serious injury, or equipment damage.



DANGER

Indicates a hazardous situation exists that, if not avoided, will result in serious injury or death.



WARNING

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in serious injury or death.



CAUTION

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, may result in injury or equipment damage.

Please read the following statement and contact The grOH! Shop, in writing, if the intent of this document is unclear or questions arise. **YOU SHOULD NOT OPERATE THE PRODUCTS IN THIS MANUAL IF YOU DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND HOW TO OPERATE THEM SAFELY!**

This guide contains information on the proper assembly, maintenance, and use of Carpet Bonded Foam Mat. Ensure that this manual is readily available to users at all times.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Users of Carpet Bonded Foam Mats are solely responsible for ensuring proper use of the product and maintaining a safe play environment. This includes understanding the product's capabilities and limitations, and ensuring the surrounding area is free and clear from all obstructions including, but not limited to: furniture, protrusions, structures, or other objects, players, or observers. Users must be aware of all necessary precautions and potential risks and must educate all participants in the proper use of Carpet Bonded Foam Mats, as well as any associated equipment used in conjunction with the mats.

Owners and users are to adhere to the following operating requirements:

- Mats are intended for active play, tumbling, and movement-based activities only
- Adult supervision is recommended, especially for younger children
- Always maintain a clear play area around the mat surface
- Use of appropriate fall attenuation coverage is recommended for elevated play equipment used above mats
- Do not place mats on uneven, wet, or unstable surfaces
- Do not stack mats unless specifically designed for stacking use
- Do not attach any items directly to the mat surface
- Do not use the product in a manner other than intended

SAFETY NOTE



Carpet Bonded Foam Mats are designed to provide impact absorption and support, but they do not eliminate the risk of injury. Proper supervision, safe use, and a controlled environment are essential at all times.

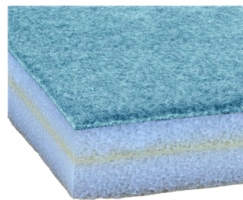
TOOLS & MATERIALS



TOOLS AND MATERIALS NEEDED FOR INSTALLATION (PROVIDED BY OWNER)

- Utility knife (and replacement blades)
- Straight edge / ruler / yard stick
- Tape Measure
- Marker / painter's tape / chalk line

TOOLS AND MATERIALS NEEDED FOR INSTALLATION (PROVIDED BY GROH!)



Carpet Bonded Foam Mat
(Cheer Mat)



Transition Edges
Note: Sold separately



Velcro Roll



BEFORE INSTALL


PLANNING YOUR LAYOUT IS CRITICAL FOR A CLEAN, PROFESSIONAL RESULT.

- Measure your space carefully
- Plan seam placement and orientation
- Keep carpet pile direction consistent
- Identify:
 - Doorways
 - Entry points
 - Walls and corners
 - Integration with other play features



Check Door Swings Before Installation

- Adjust the mat layout to avoid the door swing area
- Reverse the door swing direction (recommended when possible)
- Trim the bottom of the door to provide adequate clearance
- Create a custom cutout in the mat to accommodate the door swing (least preferred, as it can affect the finished appearance)

 **Pro Tip:** Open and close all doors through their full range of motion before making any cuts. Addressing door clearance during the planning stage is much easier than modifying the installation afterward.

MAT MAP - SKETCH YOUR LAYOUT BEFORE INSTALLING.

Map Out:

- Room dimensions
- Mat placement
- Seam direction
- Transition edges
- Entry points

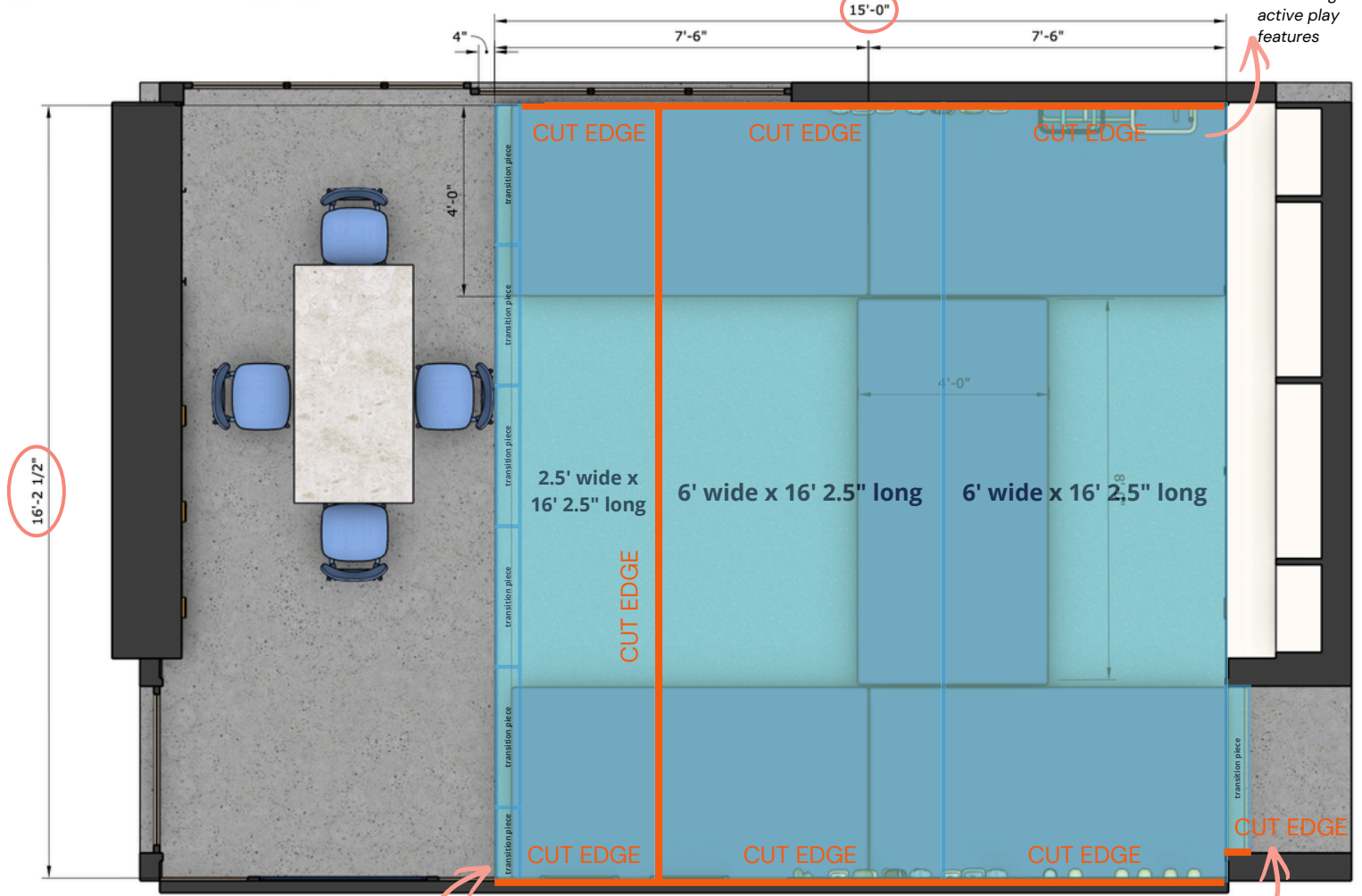
Best Practices:

- Minimize seams in high-traffic areas
- Avoid seams at doorways
- Keep layout symmetrical
- Plan edges on all exposed sides

MAT MAP EXAMPLE

Cheer mats are 6' wide. Planning 15' of width (to correspond with the active play features on this and the opposite wall):
 2 pieces at 6' wide,
 1 piece at 2.5' wide
 1 row of 6" (standard width) transition pieces

Additional safety mats are always recommended to supplement cheer mat for safe falling from active play features



Cheer mat defines the active play area, so to reduce the risk of trip hazard, this entire edge has transition pieces.

A transition piece can extend into the entrance here since it is a hallway and not a doorway

- Manually Cut Edge (to fit space)
- Velcro Placement (at seams)

Why cut this edge and not the edge with the transitions?

There will be more stress on the seam between the opposite edge and the transition pieces simply due to traffic. In order to create the most stable and secure seams that will last over time, account for *any possible* cutting errors to be concealed within an interior seam with another manufacturer-cut edge that will be covered with velcro.

Planning the orientation of the mats:
 We took several things into consideration for this space: the visual directionality of the room, the 'zoned' division of space, and the trafffic patterns.
 It's important for longevity to reduce seams in high traffic areas.



INSTALLATION

INSTALLATION OPTIONS

Wall-to-Wall (Recommended)

- Seamless, built-in look
- Best for dedicated playrooms

Floating Install (Most Common)

- No adhesive required
- Mats stay in place due to weight + friction
- Ideal for home playrooms

Semi-Permanent Install (Optional)

- Double-sided carpet tape or adhesive can be used
- Recommended for high-traffic or commercial spaces

STEP 1: SETTLE FLAT

- Allow material to relax and settle flat.
- The mats **MUST** be relaxed before cutting. The warp will result in uneven cuts. Particularly when installing wall to wall, precise cuts will make a difference in the final result.

STEP 2: ROUGH LAYOUT

- Place mats loosely across the space
- Do **NOT** align perfectly yet

STEP 3: ALIGN & POSITION

- Adjust seams tightly (no visible gaps)
- Match carpet direction
- Avoid forcing misaligned edges (this causes peaking)
- Check seams from multiple angles (standing + kneeling)

INSTALLATION

STEP 4: FINALIZE LAYOUT

- Walk surface
- Check for movement or uneven seams
- Confirm layout is fully correct

STEP 5: CUT TO FIT

- Mark perimeter edges
- Use sharp utility knife + straight edge
- Cut slowly for clean finish
- Change blades often to maintain clean cuts



DO NOT CUT BEFORE LAYOUT IS FINALIZED

STEP 6: FINAL CHECK

- Ensure all seams are tight
- Surface is flat and secure
- No gaps or lifting

COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID

- Cutting mats before full layout is finalized
- Mixing carpet pile direction (will look mismatched over time)
- Installing over surfaces with significant dips, humps, or irregularities that may prevent seams from aligning properly
- Leaving exposed edges without transitions or manually cut beveled edges (trip hazard)
- Forcing mats together when dimensions, layout, or seam alignment are incorrect

TRANSITION EDGES

BEFORE INSTALL

- Mats must be fully installed first
- Identify all exposed edges
- Plan entry/exit points

STEP 1: POSITION

- Place edges along exposed sides
- Sloped side faces outward

STEP 2: ALIGN

- Ensure connection with mats
- No gaps between surfaces

STEP 3: SECURE

- Attach using backing/adhesive
- Press firmly along entire length

STEP 4: CUT (IF NEEDED)

- Trim for corners or custom layouts
- Measure carefully

MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

CARING FOR YOUR CARPET BONDED FOAM MAT (CHEER MAT)

- Your mats should be vacuumed regularly, or after each use. Periodically, mats should be cleaned with a steam cleaner and a non-bleach, non-solvent-based cleaner.
- The frequency of deep cleaning depends on how often you use it.
- To refresh mats between cleanings, lightly spray them with a sanitizer of your choosing.
- Inspect periodically – if surface remains flat and seams remain aligned



DO NOT USE HARSH CHEMICALS



FAQ

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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DO I NEED A CONTRACTOR TO INSTALL CARPET BONDED FOAM MATS?

Carpet Bonded Foam Mats are designed to be DIY-friendly and can be installed by most customers. However, for wall-to-wall installations, custom cuts, or integration with built-in play features, we recommend working with an experienced, licensed, and insured contractor. Whoever installs this product should follow the instructions outlined in this manual.

WHAT TYPE OF SURFACE CAN THESE BE INSTALLED ON?

Mats should be installed on a clean, dry, and level surface such as:

- Hardwood/LVP
- Tile
- Concrete
- Low-pile carpet

Do not install on uneven, soft, or wet surfaces.

CAN I CUT THE MATS TO FIT MY SPACE?

Yes. Mats are designed to be cut on-site using a sharp utility knife. Always complete your full layout plan before cutting to ensure the best fit and finish. Cutting should always be the **final step** after all mats are laid out and aligned.

WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH LEFTOVER OR CUT-OFF PIECES?

Cut-off pieces can be useful for: creating custom transition pieces or edge protection, providing additional padding in small areas or cushioning under furniture or play equipment.

TRANSITION EDGES

DO I NEED TRANSITION EDGES?

Transition edges are recommended for any exposed sides of your mat layout. They are useful at entry points or open play areas.

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