

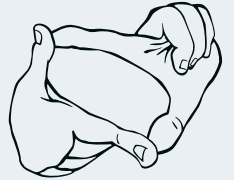
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CAN SCORING AND/OR STAINING WORK ON OLD FLOORS?

Do not believe the myth that old concrete under carpet is not an acceptable surface for stain. When carpet is removed, the tack strips that hold the carpet in place leave small holes at every 4-inches at about an inch in diameter. We patch these holes, but the patching material accepts stain slightly darker than the foundation concrete around it. If you choose, a very successful solution for this is to score a 10-inch border that follows the contour of every wall, and then stain this border with a darker color.

Removal of ceramic tile and VCT tile leaves a permanent pattern on the concrete surface. A topcoat of a polymer overlay is the solution if you do not want to see the "ghost" of previous tile. Kitchens, bathrooms and entry ways look fine overlaid even if surrounding areas are not. If the tile to be removed starts or stops in awkward place, then polymer overlay over the entire area is the answer.