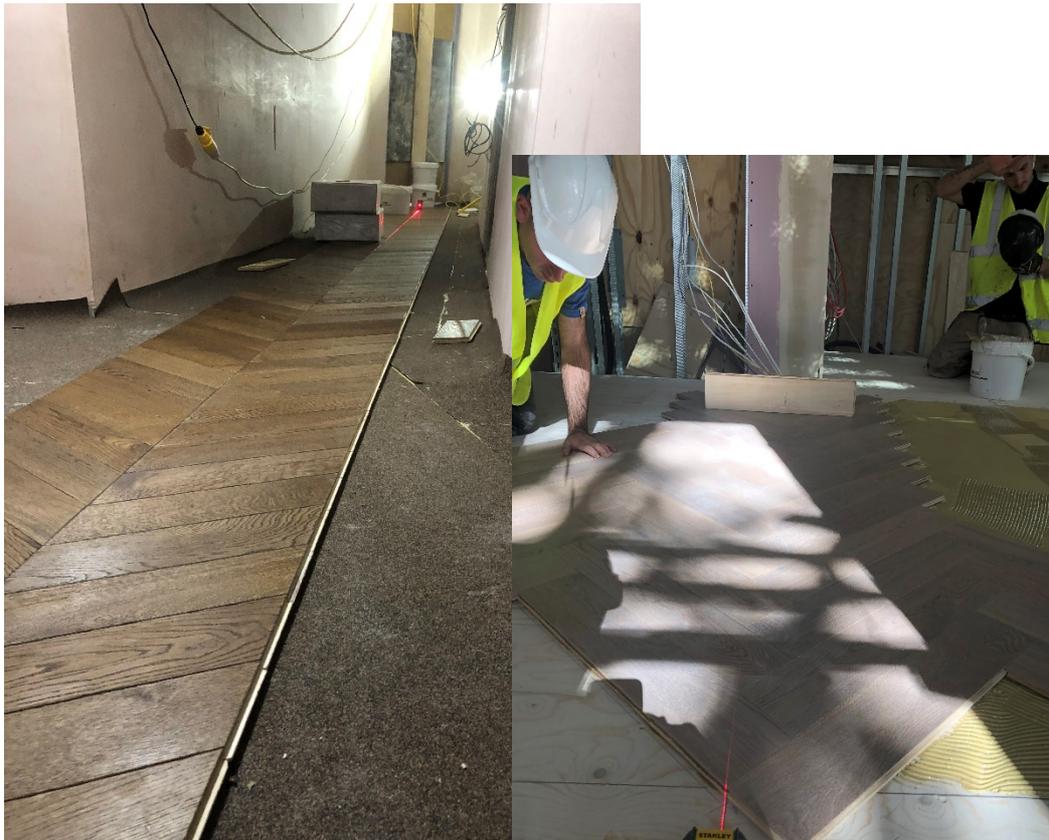




## INSTALLING HERRINGBONE AND CHEVRON PARQUET FLOORING

Herringbone and Chevron wood flooring must be installed professionally due to the size of each block. **A CROWN LINE** must be set to start the installation and this has traditionally been done with a chalk line where string is stretched between two points of reference and then chalk rubbed on it. The string is then stretched up and released so that it leaves a perfectly straight line on the sub floor.

New methods use a laser beam before and after the herringbone or chevron parquet is laid. The image below on the left shows the centre line check, and the one the right shows the corner line check on a herringbone floor.



Whichever method is used, the crown line must be perfectly straight and in the centre of a room. For chevron it can be in the centre of a doorway entrance, or other “vista” where the eye will be drawn to.

## WHAT IS A CROWN LINE?

The image below shows what a crown line is in graphical terms, but in essence it is where two pieces of chevron or herringbone flooring are fixed to the subfloor in perfect symmetry.

**The crown line installation must be only two pieces wide as shown in the image below and allowed to set and cure which is normally 24 hours before installing their rest of the floor.** If the crown line is not installed perfectly then there will be ever increasing gaps as the rest of the floor is laid. The image below shows the setting of the crown line.

The crown line is only the first part of "Setting Out" as the width of the two rows of parquet must also be perfectly in line. Alignment is the most crucial part of installing herringbone and chevron parquet flooring.

Once the crown line has cured after at least 24 hours the rest of the floor can be installed quickly and easily.



The image to the left shows how the same herringbone parquet blocks can be used to create a border and different areas in a room.

The small area border is fitted first between the main area and the small recess. The side and end borders are fitted last.

The crown line is then set and allowed to cure.

If you try and fit two rows of herringbone rather than just one row as a crown line, the parquet will "slip" and then gaps will appear.

When fitting parquet block flooring please be patient, use and experienced professional "NOT A BUILDER" and you will get the perfect floor.

## Chevron parquet flooring installation

Chevron crown lines for 45-degree and 60-degree chevron angled flooring are the same as herringbone. The 45-degree chevron can look like herringbone and generally the 60-degree chevron is more popular although harder to fit. You must ensure that you only install two pieces like the image below which is a chevron floor with a 60-degree angle.



## Cladding Stairs with Herringbone Parquet Wood Flooring

If you employ an experienced professional fitter, that will usually in the end cost less than you builder or general floor layer then you can get amazing finishes. The image below shows how the teams we have can clad stairs using an engineered parquet block.

This takes expertise beyond the normal but will look amazing and is a dinner party masterpiece. How is it done? Call 01666 504015 to see our range of herringbone parquet blocks as our fitters will only achieve this with our herringbone engineered floors.



## Fitting Herringbone, Parquet Panels and Chevron on raised access flooring

For fitting access boxes use only professional fitters who can match the parquet panels and chevron parquet flooring as if it is part of the floors. The images below show electrical and computer terminal floor boxes where the wood flooring is inserted in the recess so it looks as if the floor has just a small border.



This installation document is just a guide to help understand the issues surrounding parquet block installation.

**DO NOT TAKE THIS GUIDE AS OUR INSTRUCTIONS ON FITTING HERRINGBONE AND CHEVRON PARQUET FLOORING.**

We cannot stress enough the importance of employing experienced who know how to fully bond these floors.

See the web site below for details of our herringbone chevron flooring in the product drop down list under parquet flooring:

<https://www.thesolidwoodflooringcompany.com/parquet-flooring>

Call our team on 01666 504015 for further information.