Tips: First pull the planks out of the box and group them by width. Traditionally you start with the widest plank first, then the next widest, and then the smallest width for the third row, and then repeat the pattern. However you can also start with the smallest width and finish with the widest width and repeat. The first plank and last plank in the row should be at least 6” long. If the last plank in the row is less than 6” you can cut the first plank in the row shorter. When cutting a full plank to fill in for the last plank in the row, the remainder of that plank can be used to start another row, if its at least 6” long. We recommend an 8” stagger between plank seam from row to row. After laying out several rows of flooring, review the layout and adjust the layout if needed to avoid H-joint patterns and excessive stair stepping.