Before you begin the installation consult product specification to determine which installation format(s) are approved. Shown below are some common installation formats.

**Ashlar Formats**

In the Ashlar installation formats, each row of carpet tiles is shifted 8 inches, either in a brick format or vertically (see diagrams to the left). This is a three-step process, i.e. each successive row of tiles must be offset one-third the length of the tile. It is **not acceptable** to shift the tiles only one-half the length of the tiles (two-step process). This installation method maintains the random appearance of the carpet tiles, eliminating line-on-line or dark-on-dark effects that can create a skewed look in the finished installation.

**Please Note:** Carpet tile products installed in the Ashlar format will not have the same finished appearance as the same product in a broadloom (12’ width).

**Multi-Directional Format (Follow No Order)**

Tiles are to be placed without being concerned with the arrow direction (random). Mixing tiles from various boxes during installation will further blend color and design elements. This process is essential for achieving optimal aesthetics.

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