

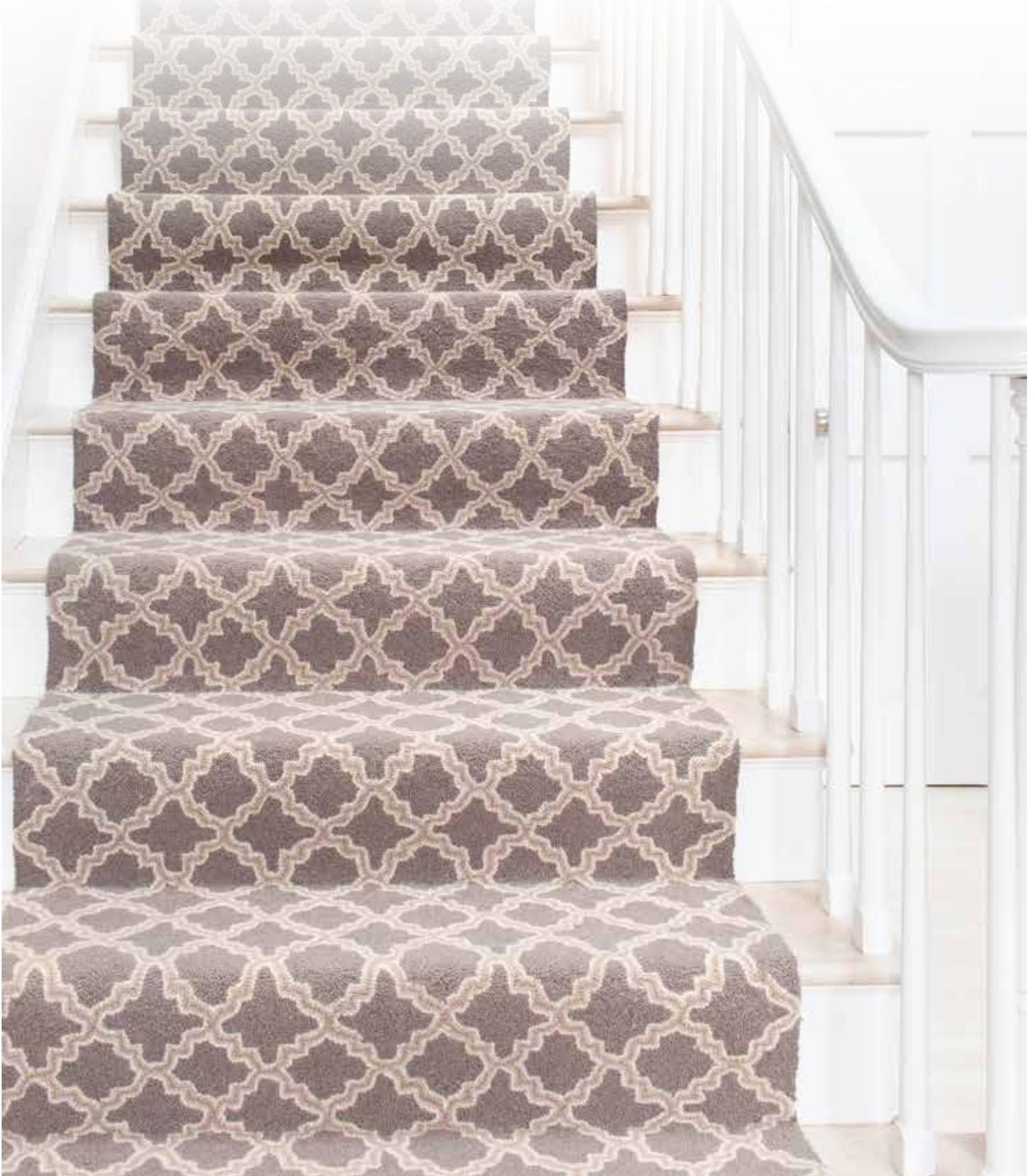
# DASH & ALBERT

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## Stair Runner Installation Guidelines





## Introduction

There aren't many staircases that couldn't benefit from a colourful and personality-packed Dash & Albert stair runner. (Not to mention that a runner also protects your wooden stair treads against wear and tear from the clickety-clack of heeled shoes and pet paws.) Since you've been asking for installation tips for a while now, we put together this definitive "how-to" for installing a stair runner. The coolest part? It's a whole lot simpler than you might think.

## Selecting a Dash & Albert Stair Runner for your Staircase Installation.

Looking for inspiration on how to select an appropriate Dash & Albert rug suitable for installing on the staircase in your home, then look no further than Winton House to solve your dilemma. Please visit our website at [www.wintonhouse.com.au](http://www.wintonhouse.com.au), navigate to Brochures and FAQ's tab and select the "Selecting a Runner for your Staircase" brochure. You can open and download an electronic copy of this brochure to your computer.

## Looking for Inspiration & Ideas

Looking for further inspiration and ideas on how to transform your staircase into a stunning fashion statement then look no further than our Pinterest account. You can access this account at [dashandalbertaus/](https://www.pinterest.com/dashandalbertaus/) and then navigate to the [stair-runners/](#) board where you will find a collection of inspiring installations using Dash & Albert cotton, indoor-outdoor and woollen runners. We look forward to receiving images of your finished staircase installation.

## Equipment Requirements

- ✓ Dash & Albert woven cotton, indoor-outdoor, wool micro-hooked or wool woven stair runner(s) of your choice;
- ✓ 60 x 243 cm (2' x 8') Solid Extra Grip rug pads, measure your stairs first to determine the total length needed (see Step 1);
- ✓ Fabric scissors;
- ✓ Pneumatic staple gun;
- ✓ 9 mm (3/8-inch) to 12 mm (1/2-inch) staples;
- ✓ Tape measure;
- ✓ Metre rule or other straight edge;
- ✓ Double-sided carpet tape;
- ✓ Pencil;
- ✓ Marker;
- ✓ Bolster chisel; and
- ✓ Most importantly of all..... a little patience.

## Installation Guidelines

Now that you have selected your Dash & Albert runner(s) and rug pads and assembled the necessary equipment for your staircase installation, we have provided you with detailed installation guidelines so that you can achieve your staircase makeover. These Installation guidelines include 18 easy steps for you to follow. We strongly recommend that you read these installation guidelines carefully before you commence the installation process. ***It is strongly recommended that all woollen runners are installed by a professional and reputable installer.***

### Step 1 – Determine the Length of Stair Runner(s) Required

To determine how long a runner you'll need, measure the depth of the stair tread and the height of the riser. Multiply the total by the number of stairs; this is your total runner length.



## Step 2 – Determine the Centreline of the Staircase

Measure the width of the treads from end to end, or alternatively from end to banisters. Mark the middle with a pencil.



### Step 3 – Create Individual Rug Pads

Create individual rug pads for each stair tread by fitting the top edge of the pad against the back of the tread and gently straightening it. Note: use the Dash & Albert Solid Extra Grip rug pads for all staircase installations.



#### **Step 4 – Cutting the Rug Pad Tread Cover**

Mark the cut line on the pad about 125 mm (5 inches) from the front of the stair tread. (Note that the runner will be slightly wider than the rug pad, and thus the edges of the rug pad won't peek out from underneath.) Cut the rug pad along the line with fabric scissors. Measure and cut as many rug pads as needed to cover all treads.



### Step 5 – Cutting and Fitting the Carpet Tape to the Rug PadTead Cover

Cut three pieces of double-sided carpet tape to fit the two outer edges and the middle of each rug-pad tread cover. Place them on the rug pad, making sure to align two pieces of the tape with the outer edges of the pad.



**Step 6 – Determine the Centreline of the Rug Pad Tread**

Fold the cut rug pad treads in half, preferably tape side out, to find the center.



### Step 7 – Fitting the Rug Pad Treads to each Staircase Tread

Place the rug pads, tape side down, onto each tread, aligning the center fold with the pencil marks you created in the middle of each tread. Press with your hands to smooth out any bubbles.

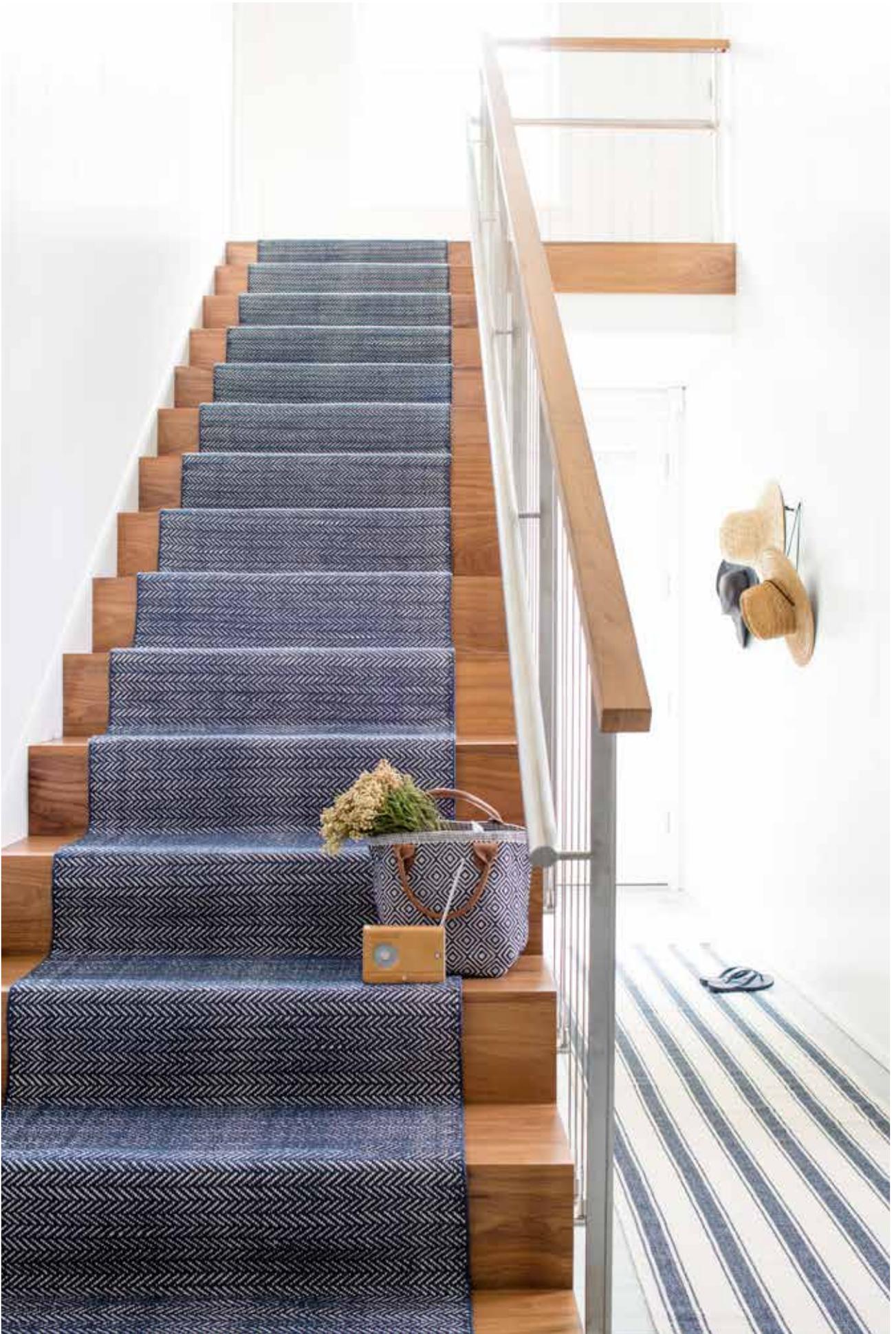


### Step 8 – Determine the Placement (centerline) of the Runner

Subtract the width of the runner from the width of the stair treads; the difference is the amount of space you'll leave on each side of the runner. You can mark these points to make them easier to follow. Important: As you install the runner, periodically check this measurement to ensure that the runner remains straight all the way down.







### Step 9 – Alignment of the Runner on the First Tread

Align the top of the runner with the bottom edge of the first tread. This creates a cleaner, less bulky look than going all the way over the top of the first tread, and eliminates “floating” pieces at the top of the stairs.



### Step 10 – Fixing the Runner to the First Tread

Using a pneumatic staple gun, staple the runner in place at its top edge, approximately every 75 mm (3 inches). Be sure to include staples on both of the outer edges.



### Step 11 – Fixing the Runner to the the First Riser

Use a bolster chisel to pull the runner taut against the corner of the riser and the next tread. Staple against the bottom of the riser approximately every 75 mm (3 inches), including both of the outer edges. If you're using a striped runner, step back and check to make sure the stripes are straight before moving on.



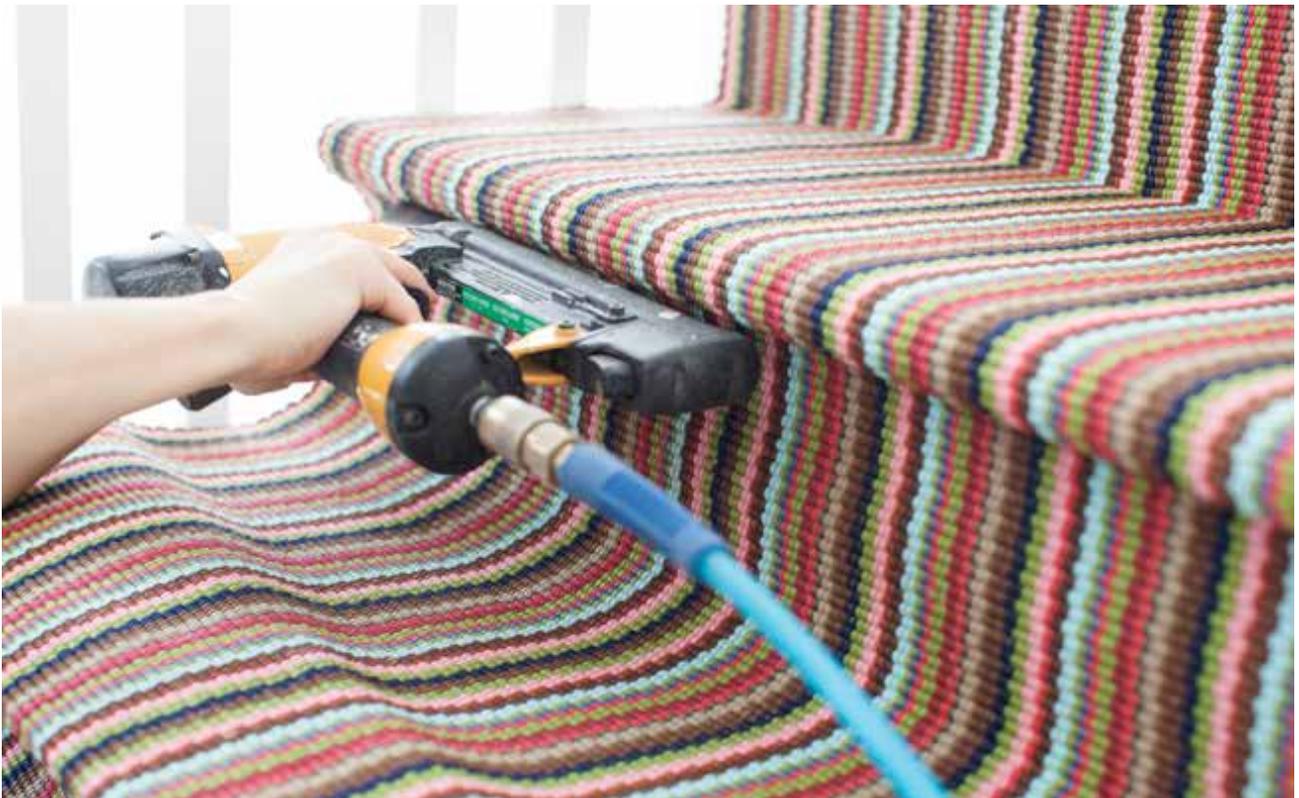
### Step 12 – Fixing the Runner to the Second Tread (Waterfall Style)

For a “waterfall”-style installation, which is a bit easier, simply pull the loose end of the runner over the edge of the next stair tread and repeat Step 10.



### Step 13 - Fixing the Runner to the Second Tread (Bullnose Treads)

For stair treads that have bullnoses, you can also do a "wrap" style installation. Pull the loose end of the runner over the edge of the tread and use the bolster chisel to pull it taut around the bullnose. Staple underneath the bullnose against the riser approximately every 75 mm (3 inches), including both the outer edges.



#### Step 14 – Fixing the Runner to the Remaining Treads and Risers

Repeat Steps 9 through 11 or 12, until you reach the end of your first runner. Leaving about a 50 mm (2-inch) piece for overlap, cut off any remnant of runner, including the finished edge, to reduce bulk.





### Step 15 – Adding Additional Runners

Overlap the 50 mm (2-inch) scrap of runner with the second runner, being careful to align the outer edges of the runners.



### Step 16 – Continue Installing Additional Runners

Continue installation of additional runners on the remaining treads and risers by repeating Steps 12 through 15.



### Step 17 – Fitting the Runner to the Final Tread

When you get to the bottom stair, pull the runner taut against the bottom riser with the bolster chisel, then measure an extra 50 mm (2 inches) of runner. Mark, and cut with fabric scissors.



### Step 18 – Fitting the Runner to the Final Riser

Fold under the extra 50 mm (2 inches) of runner, and staple the double layer of fabric against the bottom of the riser, approximately 75 mm (3 inches) apart, including both the outer edges.





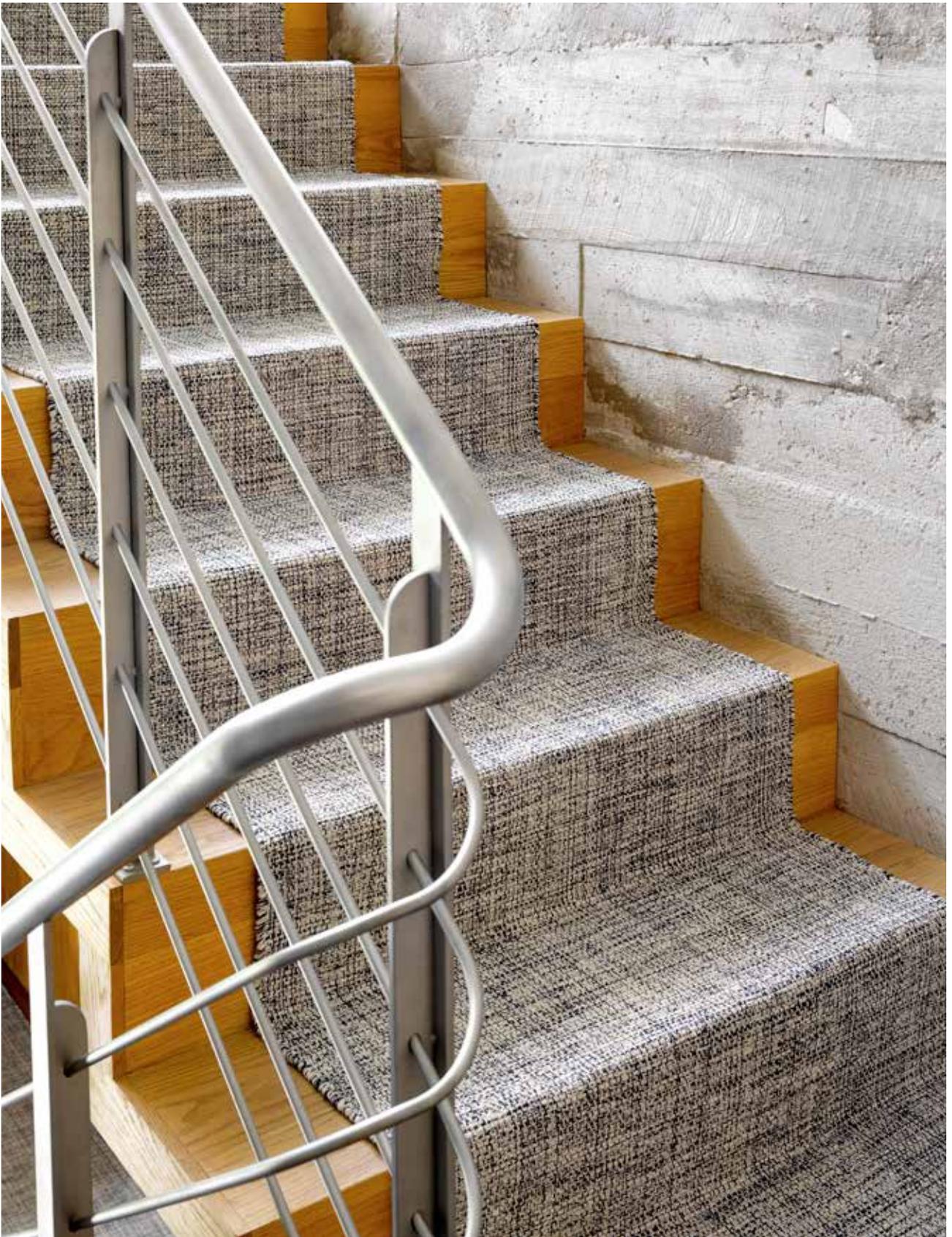
Finished "Waterfall" style stair runner



Finished "Wrap" style stair runner







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