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CARPET KIT INSTALLATION

Before beginning, you may want to collect a few items that will make your installation more appealing and more time efficient. For instance, this would be a good time to replace that torn emergency brake boot, and a perfect time to run any wiring for rear speakers, extra gauges, etc. Another item that is often in bad shape are the rear kick panels under the rear seat cushion. Sewfine carries new seat risers made of masonite and covered with carpet to match. Don't forget about carpet insulation, also. It cuts down on noise, and helps insulate from temperature. Sewfine also carries the insulation kits you'll need. For those of you with carpet on the back of your rear seat, if your masonite piece is badly damaged, Sewfine can also make a replacement masonite piece.

After making all of these decisions, it may be wise to spread the kit out to identify all the necessary pieces.

TOOLS NEEDED: Phillips and standard screwdrivers, 13mm wrench, vacuum cleaner, putty knife, scissors, mallet, and 1-2 cans of spray adhesive. ~~Sewfine recommends and sells the following tools:~~

STEP 1: Remove the front and rear seats to allow easy access to all areas. Also remove the rear kick panels under the rear seat, ~~and the shift knob (do not replace the shift knob at this time).~~ Remove all of the existing carpet and/or rubber mats. When removing the side pieces, gently pry up the metal edge without causing distortion. Use your putty knife to scrape off any excess glue or carpet backing. Vacuum the entire area of dirt and clean surface rust.

STEP 2: At this point, we recommend lightly sanding and spray painting all exposed metal, i.e. seat tracks, heater ducts, brake pedals, E brake handle, etc. Also at this time, install the new E brake boot and run any needed wires. Test fit all carpet pieces before actually gluing and installing to make sure you are aligning them properly.

STEP 3: Install the tunnel piece. Always use spray adhesive on both the car surface and the carpet backing and allow to "tack-up" for a few minutes. Slip carpet over the brake handle, position and lay into place from the center out. Always push air and wrinkles out as you lay the carpet down.

STEP 4: Now install the left and right rocker sections along the bottom door jam. Start at the top and work down. Use a soft mallet to tap the steel edging down to secure the carpet. Next, install the left and right front kick panel sections using heater vents or door jams as locators.

STEP 5: (Convertibles only)
Install the rear seat riser section

STEP 6: The front firewall piece is the next to go in. Use the tunnel and steering column to align properly. Replace metal foot-plate, if applicable.

STEP 7: Before installing the 4 floor pieces, we recommend gluing Sewfine's 1/2" floor insulation to the back of the carpet, and lightly gluing these sections to the floor.

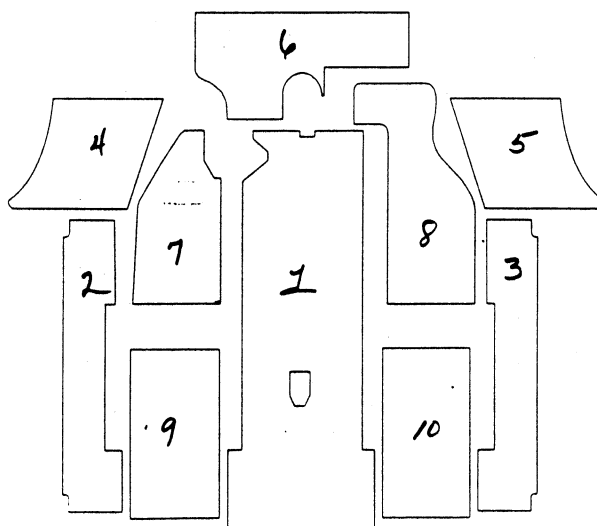
STEP 8: Install the rear carpet pieces, if applicable. Put the fenderwell pieces down first, and the center firewall after. Insulation under these 3 pieces is also recommended for sound reduction.

STEP 9: Now re-install your ~~seats~~ seats, and rear seat risers.

CONGRATULATIONS!! You've completed the install. ENJOY.

ONE ~~LAST~~ NOTE: If it is cold outside, the carpet may be easier to work with if it is slightly warmed up. If it's summertime, lay the pieces out in the sun for awhile to warm up.

71-72 Super Beetle



This is an example only.
Pieces for your specific
Year may vary a little.

