

Congratulations! You have just purchased a new Safety Cover from GLI Pool Products and have used your old cover as a template for its creation! You are now ready to install, below you will find some "Helpful Tips" to get you started:

1. **It's important to remember that your new cover will not immediately fit like your old cover.** Covers get stretched, in some cases, shrink and other cases age. There is a very good chance that additional anchors will need to be drilled to properly set and place the new cover.
2. **Some fit issues are actually installation issues.** Template covers typically need adjustments to get them to fit exactly like the old cover, especially those that are custom shape. Think of it this way, when your old cover was first installed the springs were placed during the initial installation and NEVER moved or adjusted for 10 years. Each year when the cover is installed for winter, one simply goes out and installs, no adjustments needed. Now you have your new cover made from that very cover template. Straps can be different, chances are you will not get the hardware on at the exact same place that it was on the original cover; adjustments will need to be made. A few inches off here and there, can make a huge difference to the fit of your new cover! Take the time to play with it and 98% of the time, the cover will fit.

**Helpful Hint:** *If the cover is too short on one side of the pool, go to the other side and make sure there isn't too much material there. Sometimes it is that simple!*

3. **Adjust and shift the new cover into place.** GLI suggests the best way to re-install a new template cover is to treat it like a new install. Start by attaching the center lengthwise straps, adjusting on both ends to ensure even overlap (most pools have deck stains from the old cover, use those to help determine the overlap on both ends). Next move to the center cross straps and attach the hardware and make adjustments to ensure an even overlap. Next work your way from the center out towards the ends of the pool cover.

**Helpful Hint:** *Do not install all the hardware around the cover and then start at one end and work to the opposite end. You will almost always be short and have straps that do not line up.*

4. **Whether your cover is made from a template or AB measurements, there is a good chance that a 10% of the anchors may need re-drilled.** There are many variables that play into this reality, such as, new material may wear differently, the installer may want a tighter fit, springs may have more or less tension than the original cover's springs.
5. **But the Cover still isn't fitting, what do I do now?** Okay your cover still isn't fitting, you've done everything and nothing is lining up. At this point, we will probably ask you to AB the pool so that we can see if there was a significant change in the template vs the actual measurements done by a GLI professional or installer.