

## Step By Step: Getting the Most Authentic Carpeting

Replacing the carpet in a 40 year old T34 is a must-do and most would think it's an easy task, but if you're after the very best we're going to share with you what we did to make the most authentic carpet possible.

There are two sources for T34 carpet kits that we're aware of: Sewfine in Colorado and West Coast Classics in Southern California. Since we want the very best we decided to meet with West Coast Classics' Lenny Copp for a more hands-on approach. By far the most important thing we did to create an authentic carpet kit was to save & reuse the original carpet trim pieces (pedals, heater vents, tunnel, rear vents, foot rest pads). We asked Lenny to cut them out of the old carpet and sew them into the new German square weave carpet (see their sample colors at <http://www.classicvws.com/sq.htm>).

West Coast Classics has the carpet templates for the 1964-66 T34s with the dual heater control on the tunnel and can make your carpet kit the same way if you want to send your original carpet rubber trim pieces to them. Turnaround was 3 days. Price is steep (\$800) but if you want the very best then there's no substitute for German square weave with authentic trim & cloth edging.

We chose the black carpet to give the closest match to the original black cloth edge trim. Lenny's crew was able to remove the rubber trim pieces, clean them up, and sew them into the new carpet to produce an incredible authentic look to the carpet! You'd swear we used NOS carpet trim but the original trim was just so nice.



For the right look it's also important to use the original tar board pieces for insulation, sound deadening, and proper lay of the carpet (below).



