the surface of the covering and the angular step profile. In the case of a parquet floor or a laminated floor covering, penetration into the floor covering is not possible unless the peripheral region is provided with a suitable milled-out portion for the covering wing. However, at the construction site, this is only possible under difficult conditions or is not possible at all.

Therefore, embodimentsthe object of the invention seekis to provide a device for securing a floor covering to a profile construction, by means of which an edge, provided with a profiling, of the floor covering can be held securely and permanently while avoiding an attachment joint.

According to an aspect, there is provided a device for removably securing an edge of a floor covering provided with an original profiling to a profile construction delimiting the floor covering, the profile construction being a step nosing profile with an angular step profile and a base profile, wherein the base profile is configured to be secured on a step, and the angular step profile having a step leg with a covering wing and a stop leg extending from a leading edge of the base profile, wherein the device further comprises an interchangeable insert which is configured as a profile rail and is arranged such that it is removably adapted in its position to the profile construction, and whereby said insert is configured with a first retainer on at least on one of two mutually opposite longitudinal edges of the insert, whereby said first retainer cooperates with the original profiling of the edge of the floor covering to removably secure the insert to the floor covering, and whereby the first retainer is configured to be at least partly complementary to the original profiling; and wherein the interchangeable insert comprises at least one vertically supporting rib which has on its free supporting edge a locking engagement which cooperates with a corresponding locking engagement on the base profile.

According to an embodiment, theThe object is achieved according to the invention by an interchangeable insert which is configured as a profile rail, is arranged such that it can be removed and can be adapted in its position to the profile construction and on which is configured, at least on one of its two mutually opposite longitudinal edges, a retainer which cooperates with the profiling of the edge of the floor covering and is at least partly formed in a complementary manner to the profiling. The fact that the edge of the floor

covering, provided with a profiling, can cooperate with the complementary retainer means that a secure retention of the free edge of the floor covering is provided and the free edge is prevented from being able to lift up from the floor.

In an advantageous configuration, the interchangeable insert is completely or partly arranged between the step leg and the base profile, said interchangeable insert preferably having different retainers to be used on different profilings of tongue and groove joints on both of its mutually opposite longitudinal edges. This particular arrangement provides a secure and unalterable positioning of the interchangeable insert on the step nosing profile.

In a particularly advantageous configuration, the interchangeable insert is held on the profile construction by a lock. As a result, it is optionally possible first to insert the interchangeable insert into the profile construction and then to attach the edge of the floor covering, or else initially to produce a join with the edge profile and subsequently to produce the join with the profile construction.