

TILING A SHOWER FLOOR

Once the shower walls are tiled (except the bottom row) it is time to tile the floor.

STEP 1

- Firstly we will, 'dry lay' all the tiles. This includes all the tiles that need to be cut. You need to plan, to minimise the number of tiles that need to be cut and also avoid any very small tiles. Basically it is just a matter of juggling the layout, so we get the best result. Once the tiles all fit and the layout looks good, we are ready to get started.

STEP 2

Next, cut your tiles. See fact sheet [Cutting tiles]

STEP 3

- Time to mix the adhesive. Floor tile adhesive is usually a powder that is mixed with water. So, add water to the bucket first.
- Then add the powder and mix well to a creamy, thick paste.

STEP 4

- Using a 10mm notched trowel, we spread out the adhesive. As we lay each tile into the adhesive bed, we push down firmly. Each tile needs slight, 'wiggle' against the direction of the adhesive bead to bed it well into the adhesive. This ensures a good coverage, and leaves us with a 5mm bed of adhesive.

STEP 5

- Every now and then, its best to lift a tile to ensure that it has 100% coverage of adhesive.

STEP 6

- Once the shower floor is tiled, then cut and prepare the tiles that cover the 'hob' around the shower base. Don't rush! Cut your tiles and check that they all fit nicely before you spread the adhesive. Spread the adhesive and lay them into the bed.



TIP

For shower grates see fact sheet [Fitting accessories]

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When fixing tiles around an external corner, like on the shower base hob, there are 3 different methods to consider.

Jolly Edge

- If we grind the edge of the tiles to form a 45 degree angle, as they are brought together, a clean external corner is formed. Once grouted, this is the most attractive and professional finish. There are no sharp edges. This method is called Jolly Edges.



Jolly Edge

Tile Trim

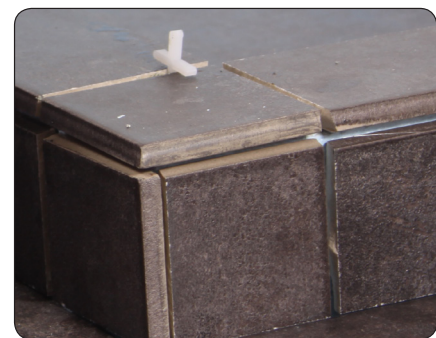
- When we use a plastic edging between tiles at an external corner, we can achieve a similar finish to Jolly Edge. Rather than a grouted corner, we will see a plastic strip. This is a very popular method, especially when the Tile Trim is in a similar colour to the chosen grout.



Tile trim

Square Edge

- This method is the easiest to follow. Basically, the tiles are cut to size and laid in place. We do need to carefully select un-cut edges to be used where seen, and position the grout joints below the facing edges of the tiles.



Square edge - to be grouted.