

GROUTING & FINISHING A SHOWER

Now that the walls and floor in the shower are tiled, it is time to grout. Whilst it is not a difficult process, a well grouted job can make all the difference to the project.

STEP 1

- When we mix the grout, as always, we add the powder to the water. This ensures a thorough mix and no lumps.
- Mix to a thick 'paste' consistency.

STEP 2

- While the grout, 'settles' as per instructions on the bag, clean the area of any dust and mess.

STEP 3

- Apply the grout. Push it into the joints and compress by wiping over at an angle across the joints.
- Do not apply grout to the corners, where walls meet floors or walls meet walls. (Silicone must be applied here)

STEP 4

- Remove all excess grout.
- Allow to dry and for a film to set on the face of the tiles. (about 1 hour)

STEP 5

- Clean up with a damp, but not wet sponge. Do not wash the floor and overly wet the surface. By using a damp sponge, it will lift the film, but not wet the actual grouted joint.
- Make sure that you keep rinsing your sponge.

STEP 6

- After most of the grout is removed from the tile, buff it over with clean cloths.
- Then buff it again.
- And, once more.
- Then, for good measure, buff the whole area yet again.



TIP

A doodle bug can be used to buff the grout. You will find these at your local Beaumont Tiles store.



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Once the grouting is finished, we now need to apply the silicone to all the internal corners.

STEP 1

- Apply the silicone with an even bead.

STEP 2

- Run the silicone to all internal corners and smooth off.

STEP 3

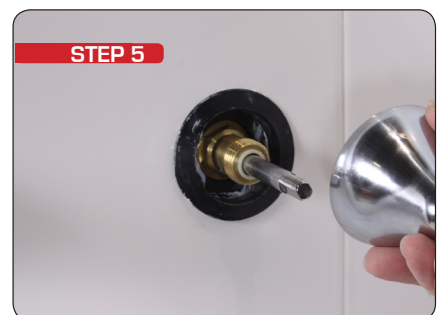
- Spray with an additive called, 'smoothtex'. This helps smooth off the bead.

STEP 4

- Once sprayed, smooth off the bead with a special applicator (available at Beaumont Tiles) This smooths off the bead and removes any excess silicone.

STEP 5

- To finish off the shower, install 'fluid aprons' around the tap penetrations. These ensure that any leaking around the tapware will not leak behind the wall tiles, but will actually drip onto the face of the tile.
- Then stand back and admire your craftsmanship!



Fluid aprons