

TILING A FLOOR

Ready to tile a floor? Rule number 1 - don't rush.

STEP 1

- Check that the floor is sound and clean.
- Sweep and clean it.

STEP 2

- Measure out from the wall to establish a square line and a starting point.
- Simply, 3 units (anything) out and 4 units accross will give a reult of 5 units from point to point if both measurements are at 90 degrees (square)
- Mark the are where you will start tiling.

STEP 3

- Brush and prime the floor.

STEP 4

- Mix the adhesive.
- Spread about 1 square meter of adhesive.

STEP 5

- For floor tiles we use a 10mm notched trowel. By using a notched trowel, the adhesive is applied leaving little tracks on the floor. Once the tile is bedded into place, these tracks flatten out to give full coverage to the surface. So, a 10mm notch will leave a bed of adhesive, after the tile is in place, 5mm thick.

STEP 6

- Place the tiles in position. As each is placed, give it a firm push and bed it in place with a slight up / down 'wiggle' against the notches of the adhesive. Every now and then, it is important to to check that you are achieving 100% coverage of adhesive to the tile.

STEP 7

- As you lay the tiles, use spacers to set the grout joints and to make small adjustments to the tile placement, to keep all joints level and even. When you select the tiles, the consultant will help you with selecting grout joint sizes. Usually with floor tiles, we like to see them between 3mm and 5mm.

Lastly, don't forget to clean off any excess adhesive from the face of the tiles as you go.



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Now it is time to grout.

Whilst it is not a difficult process, a well grouted job can make all the difference to the project. Cleaning, buffing and polishing and then repeating that process again, will pay untold dividends to the job.

STEP 8

- 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 9

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

STEP 10

- 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 11

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

STEP 12

- 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 13

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

