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Ceramic Tile Installation Guide



Prepare

1. The durability and lasting quality of tile installation depends on a solid sub-floor. Unless you are fitting your tiles in a new construction, this typically means removing the original flooring before you install your new tile. Your sub-floor should be dry and clean of any debris.
2. For optimal installation it is essential to have a clean, level, and stable sub-floor. If there is any flexing or unevenness, address these issues by making necessary repairs and adding support. Subsequently, use a cement board or fibercement underlayment, as both are resistant to moisture and impermeable to liquids. Why not try our [Pro Primer](#) which can be used on both porous and non-porous sub-floors. The primer helps improve adhesion, while also reducing the substrate porosity.
3. Before beginning your installation, it is important to decide on your chosen pattern and the direction of the tile layout.
4. Plan the layout of your installation by measuring and determining the center of the room along two opposite walls. Utilize these points and create a chalk line that spans across the room. Repeat this process on the remaining walls to establish perpendicular lines.
5. Dry fit your tiles starting from the center point, leaving enough spacing for grout joints. The objective is to maximize the use of complete tiles in the installation.

Installation

Now you have successfully prepared your subfloor, you can begin to install your tiles.

1. Begin to lay your tiles, starting at the center of the room. It is important to use your chalklines as your guide.
2. Apply your adhesive with the notched edge of your trowel. Larger tiles will require more adhesive and a larger notched trowel to ensure full coverage.
3. When laying your tiles it is helpful to use spacers to help ensure you have straight grout lines. You will remove the spacers before the adhesive dries. Why not try our Rubi Cross Spacers, available in [2mm](#), [3mm](#) and [4mm](#) widths.
4. Ensure to clean up any excess adhesive immediately, we would recommend following the manufacturer's instructions for your adhesive so you know how long you have to clean up any excess and the most sufficient method.
5. After you have installed a few rows of your tiles, set them with a tile level and mallet.
6. When you reach the perimeter of the room, you will need to cut and adjust your tiles in order to complete your installation. We would strongly recommend using a wet cut tile saw and avoid dry cutting as there is potential for exposure to harmful silica dust. Cutting the tiles is essential to your installation.
7. Allow time for the tiles to set, the setting time will be listed in the manufacturer's instructions.
8. Once your tiles are set in place, the next step is to grout the tiles. We offer a variety of grout colours to suit your aesthetic; [grey](#), [mid-grey](#), [silver grey](#), [taupe](#), [bahama beige](#) & [white](#).
9. Once you have grouted your tiles, you will need to clean the tile surface with a damp sponge and clean water to ensure there is no residue left on the tiles.