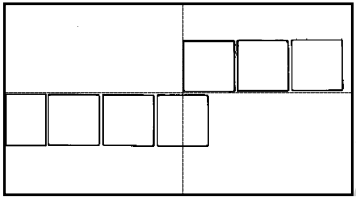
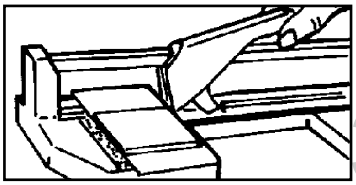


2. Apply the adhesive using a notched trowel over an area of 1 sq metre, work from the centre line from one side to the other, a twisting action is required when laying each tile to ensure a solid bed.



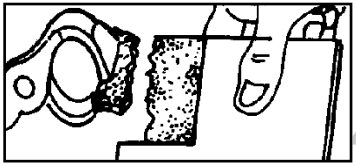
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3. When less than full tiles are required, mark the position of the cut line with a pencil, cutting is made easier with a cutting machine. (manual or electric)



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4. Awkward cuts of L-shape cuts can be achieved using an electric tile cutter or tile nippers.



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5. After 24 hours use a rubber squeegee to fill the joints with grout. Grout is a cement-based material for sealing the gap between tiles. Other specialist grouts are available, for example for food preparation areas.



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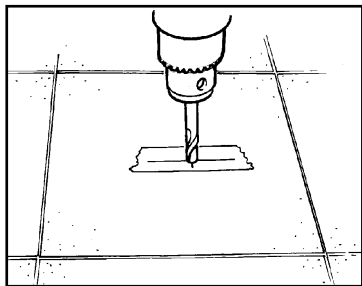
6. Wash the excess grout off using clean water and a tile sponge. A stick with a rounded point smooths the grout to a uniform finish. When dry, polish the surface with a clean, dry, coarse cloth such as hessian.



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7. To drill a hole through a tile, place a strip of masking tape over the area. This will avoid a drill-slip. Mark the position of the hole and then drill using a tungsten carbide-tipped drill of the correct size so that the plug is below the level of the tile, to avoid damage when tightening the screw.

If you are using Porcelain tiles, an appropriate drill bit is available from **dtwceramics UK Ltd.**



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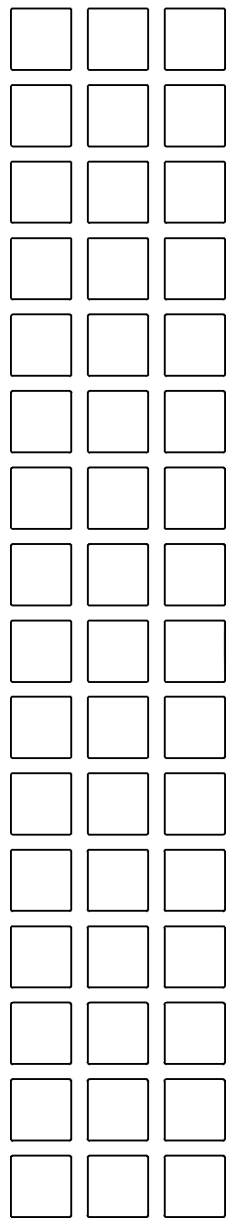
HANDY HINTS

By using Rapid-Set Adhesive & Rapid-Set Grout your floor can be used after 2 hours



how to floor tile

a dtwceramics quick guide



Tiles can provide an attractive decorative surface that is water resistant, tough, long-lasting and easy to clean. This leaflet explains how to use floor tiles in your home.

We look at preparation, estimating the number of tiles you require, the proper tools, how to negotiate awkward shapes, and the correct technique for tiling.

Take this leaflet home and think about what you will need. We hope we have anticipated the questions you might want to ask, but if you have any further queries ask at the sales counter where we will find someone to help and advise you.

If you **buy the correct tools**, and above all take care, you should enjoy the satisfaction of a job well done.



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ESTIMATING TILES

Unopened boxes will be credited on return to **dtwceramics UK Ltd**, within 28 days of purchase. There will be a 25% re-stocking charge on stock items. Special order tiles cannot be returned.

Measure the area to be tiled. Do not forget to allow 10% extra for cutting and waste.

To estimate the tiles you require measure the length of the room and x by the width of the room, this is the amount of tiles you require.

***Example:** 2.5m (Length of room) x 3.0m (Height of room) = 7.5m² required.
 *Remember to deduct Baths and Units etc.

ESTIMATING ADHESIVE

20kg of powder floor adhesive will cover approximately 7.5 square metres depending on how flat your floor is.

ESTIMATING GROUT

1kg covers approximately 1 square metre, but for mosaic tiles you will need twice the quantity.

Always check the manufacturers instructions which vary from make to make.

CHOOSING THE MATERIALS

TILES - Colour Variation

Because minor shade variation occurs in the production of tiles, it is advisable to buy all the tiles you need at the same time prior to fixing. It is also a good idea to mix or shuffle the contents of boxes of tiles in order that the tile shades harmonise. If the shade variation is unacceptable to you, **dtwceramics UK Ltd**. will give you a refund or exchange, providing it is not designed to vary in shade. It is essential to do this before fixing the tiles.

*Larger format tiles can make a room look larger.

*Ensure that larger format tiles are suitable for the surface you are fixing to, and remember the larger the tile the flatter the floor should be.

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

- 1 Spirit level
- 2 Felt tip pen or Pencil
- 3 Measuring tape and steel rule
- 4 Pincers to remove waste and shaping tiles
- 5 Combination cutter
- 6 Electric wet cutter (optional)
- 7 Notched trowel or spreader
- 8 Carborundum stone
- 9 Sponge and squeegee for applying and removing grout.

All tools are available from: www.dtw-tiles.co.uk

MATERIALS

- 1 Tiles
- 2 Adhesive (flexible for wooden floors or if Under Tile Heating is to be used). Certain wooden floors are not suitable for tiling, ask for information about Ditra matting.
- 3 Grout (flexible for wooden floors or if Under Tile Heating is to be used).
- 4 Tile Spacers.

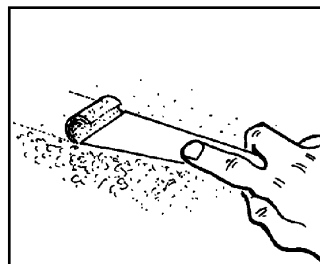
Tools as above.

Remember you can purchase normal set adhesive that requires 24 hours dry time before you can walk or grout the floor, but gives you a longer working time. Or you can purchase Rapid set adhesive that requires 2 hours to set and can be grouted within this time, but the working time is reduced considerably.



PREPARATION

1. Remove any loose materials and polish from the floor.



2. Ensure any uneven floors will need to be Self Levelled. (Available from **dtwceramics Ltd**). New screeds must be at least 4 weeks old. Seal wooden floors with a coat of diluted PVA solution. (Depending on make of adhesive).

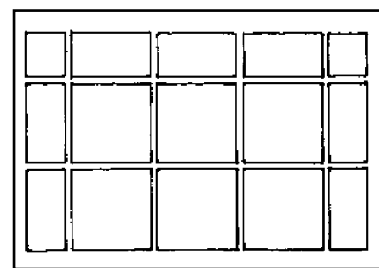


3. Wooden floors including Chip Board and Plywood must be screwed every 250mm along the joists. Be careful of wires and pipes under the floor.

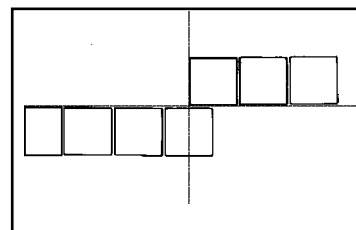


THE LAYOUT

1. Arrange the tiles so that the cut tiles are around the perimeter of the floor.

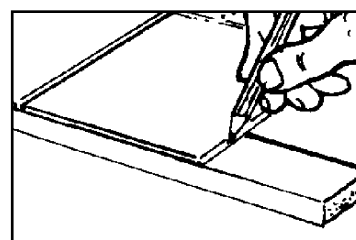


2. The floor should be centred from left to right and from end to end, so a cross is achieved. The tiles should be either positioned on the centre tile or half way through the centre, which ever gives more than half a tile effect.



HOW TO TILE

1. A measuring gauge helps initial positioning of tiles. Make one by marking a length of timber in exact tile widths, allowing for the type of tile spacers which you are using. Use this gauge to lay out the horizontal rows of tiles.



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