

## Wall Tile Installation



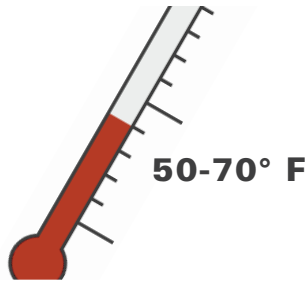
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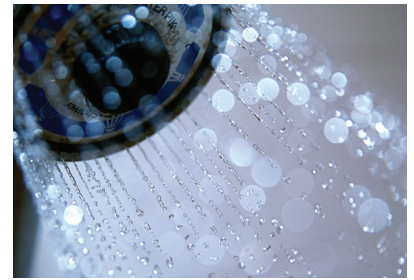
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**1. CLEAN** Concrete, masonry, cured mortar beds and plywood surfaces to be tiled must be flat, structurally sound, dry and completely clean. All contaminants must be removed with PRO-STRIP SEALER & ADHESIVE REMOVER, or by sanding, scraping or chipping. Any imperfections should be patched.

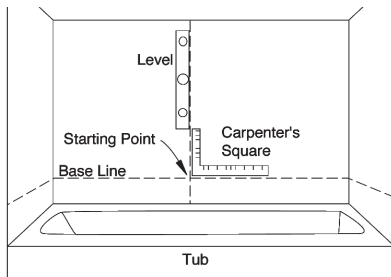


**2. ROOM TEMP** For best results, the temperature of all tiling materials, room and adhesives should be 50 to 70 degrees for 24 hours before, and 48 hours after, installation.



**3. WET OR DRY?** If you are tiling onto a wall that is exposed to water a cement board or water barrier must be installed behind the wall tile.

**See Cement Backerboard Installation Guide for additional information**



**4. PLAN THE LAYOUT** Sketch your tile layout. The more time you invest in laying out your area the less time you will spend setting the tile or stone.

**Tip:** All rooms vary in size & shape. For expert advice you can always consult your tile associate or customer care for hints regarding your project.



**5. LEVEL** Set a piece of temporary wood batten just above your first row of tile, making sure it is level. When you have finished tiling above the baton, remove and tile the bottom row of tile.



**6. MIX** Thoroughly mix the appropriate thinset for your project to a toothpaste consistency.

**SEE THE HOW TO MIX ADHESIVE GUIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION**



**7. APPLY MORTAR** First apply mortar using the flat side of the trowel to promote substrate contact. Then, using the recommended notch trowel at a 45-degree angle, spread the mortar uniformly in a ridged pattern. Continue applying mortar in a straight pattern.



**8. SET TILE** Press tile into mortar with a slight twisting motion. Check often for uniform lines.



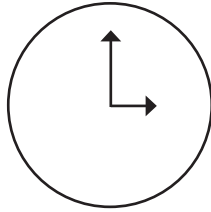
**9. SPACERS** It is advisable to use tile spacers to ensure accurate spacing between the tile.





**10. TAP DOWN TILE** To prevent any voids or air pockets under the tile, use a grout float or rubber mallet and carefully tap the top of each tile to ensure complete contact with mortar.

**Tip: DO NOT attempt to set tile into mortar which has dried.**



**DRY FOR 24 HOURS**

**11. CURE** Allow the tile to cure for 24 hours without disturbance



**12. UP NEXT : GROUT**

**SEE THE HOW TO GROUT GUIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION**

#### **OTHER HELPFUL HINTS :**

**When setting tile do not “swirl” the trowel, this creates uneven heights in the mortar.**

**Work in manageable segments, do not mix more for more than what can be completed in 20 mins.**

**Set tile that must be cut last.**



























**Adhesive that “oozes” out between the tiles can be removed with a damp sponge or edge of a spacer.**

**Be sure when you are planning your layout all cut tile edges run into inside corners, the ceiling, tub deck, or floor.**

**The Tile Shop offers FREE DIY classes every Saturday at 9:30am at EVERY location. No need to sign up just come eager to learn how to tile.**



# Wall Tile Installation Checklist

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<input type="checkbox"/> 	348230 SCRUB PAD	<input type="checkbox"/> 	SPACERS - MULTIPLE SIZES
<input type="checkbox"/> 	347992 STEEL 48" LEVEL	<input type="checkbox"/> 	348315 CHALK LINE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 	066880 BACKER BOARD SCREWS	<input type="checkbox"/> 	348371 SUCTION CUP
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