

Do-It-Yourself Wall Tiling Guide

Adhesive Recommendations

| WALLS MADE OF | INTERNAL | EXTERNAL |
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| Concrete / Cement Render | Fixall Superfixall Asaflex Conflex Megafix Multifix Extraflex | Fixall Superfixall Asaflex Conflex Marblefix |
| Fibrous Cement Sheeting | Asaflex Conflex Multifix Extraflex Megafix | Asaflex Conflex Marblefix |
| Plasterboard | Asaflex Multifix Extraflex Megafix Conflex | |
| Painted Surfaces | Asaflex Conflex Multifix Extraflex Megafix | Asaflex Conflex Marblefix |
| Existing Tiles | Asaflex Conflex | Asaflex Conflex Marblefix |

SURFACE PREPARATION

Surfaces must be sound, clean & dry. Free from dust, oil, grease, wax, curing compounds, plaster droppings and other contaminants.

CEMENT RENDER

Must be left with a wood float finish.
Allow to cure for at least 7 days prior to tiling.

CONCRETE

Leave with a wood float finish. Mechanically remove all curing compounds.
Allow to cure for at least 28 days.

FIBROUS CEMENT SHEETING

Must be fixed in accordance with manufacturers' directions.
The sheet must be primed using **ASA MULTIPRIME** prior to tiling.

PLASTERBOARD

Must be fixed in accordance with manufacturers' directions.
Where joints are plastered, prime with **MULTIPRIME**.

PAINTED SURFACES

Remove loose and flaking paint. Surfaces should be mechanically abraded to remove approximately 75% of the paint.

EXISTING TILES

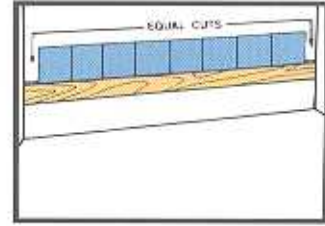
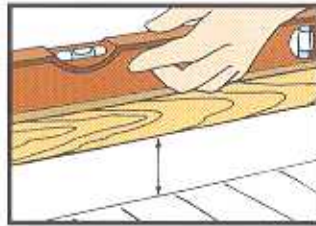
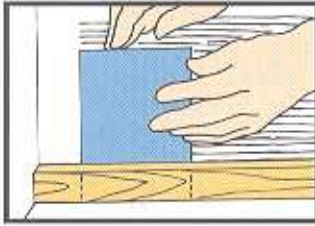
Remove and replace any loose tiles. Clean tiles thoroughly to remove all grease, oil, loose grout, etc. Allow to dry.

ALWAYS REMEMBER

- Read the adhesive directions prior to commencing.
 - Take your time. Do each section accurately and the job should look professionally done.
 - There are special adhesives for various applications.
- Always ring ASA for advice on Technical Services. Free Call No: 1800 813 890.

GETTING READY

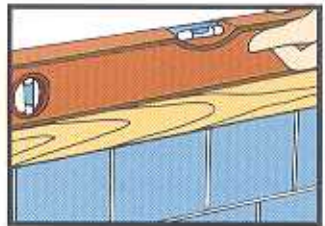
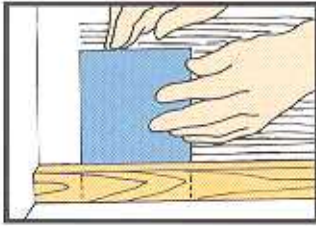
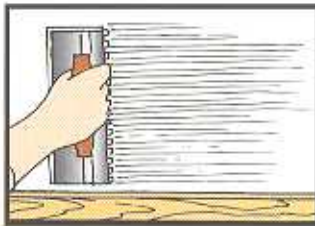
- Find the lowest point in the floor and mark one tile high from the floor.
- Nail a straight batten along this mark. Ensure that the level of the batten is horizontal.
- Set the tiles out across the wall so that equal tile cuts can be made at either end. Mark the wall at that edge.



LAYING TILES

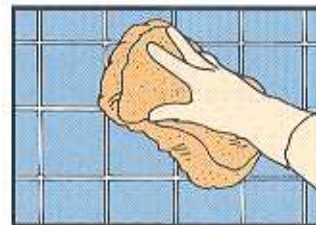
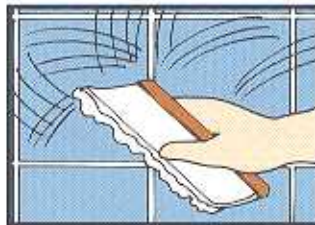
- Read the instructions printed on the adhesive.
- Spread the recommended adhesive onto the wall using the appropriate notched trowel. Notches run across the wall.

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| Flat Backed Tiles | Use | 6mm square notched trowel |
| Lugged Tiles | Use | 10mm square notched trowel |
| Slate | Use | 12mm square notched trowel |
- Spread only 1 square metre at a time.
- Start fixing the tiles from the marked edge along the batten.
- Press the tiles into position ensuring there is approximately 80% of the back of the tile in contact with the adhesive.
- Continue applying sufficient adhesive to the wall and laying the tiles. Also ensuring that the level is maintained both vertically and horizontally.
- Even spacing can be achieved by using spacers or wedges available from the tile retailer.
- Once the tiles have been laid, the cut tiles should be then laid. These are normally adhered into position by buttering the adhesive onto the back of the tile and then laid into position.
- Cutting tiles is now a simple operation as there are a large number of tile cutters available. Ask your tile retailer what he recommends. Often tiles can be cut at the shop or you can hire cutting machines for larger jobs.
- Once the adhesive has set, the batten can be removed and the bottom row of tiles laid.



GROUTING

- 24 hours after laying the tiles, grouting can be commenced.
- Grout using ASA white grout or one of 26 ASA coloured grouts.
- Mix the grout in accordance to the directions on the bag. Where the grout needs to be flexible, have lower porosity or that added safeguard against mould growth, additives such as ASA GROUT ADDITIVE can be used instead of water.
- Apply the mixed grout over the face of the tiles using a rubber squeegee. The grout should be worked well into the joints.
- Remove excess grout with a damp sponge. The sponge should be rinsed frequently and the water changed regularly.
- Once the grout in the joints harden the cement scale should be removed with a soft cloth.



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