

TILING FLOORS

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Tiling Fact Sheet



Clean and prepare your surface:

Clean and prime your surface following the manufactures instructions.

Mixing Floor Adhesive:

The next step is to mix the glue. We recommend you use Grants adhesives, a high quality and affordable product range that can be purchased at any National Tiles store. (Please see 'adhesive guide' for the right recommendation)



Mix the adhesive as per the manufactures instructions. Spread the glue using a notched trowel; use enough pressure to make even beads and apply enough glue to lay 2-3 tiles at a time. Always check the glue is still tacky before applying.

(For the right trowel, please refer to the guide 'Choosing the right tools for your job')

IMPORTANT!

Use a flat edge to butter the back of tiles more than 400mm in size (this would include 300x600mm).

Remember to mix your tiles from several different boxes so that any shade variations stay consistent.



Applying the floor tiles:

Use the marked lines to lay your first row of tiles. Don't cover your lines with glue as this is your guide.

Apply tiles to adhesive:

Place tile firmly into the adhesive, with a backward and forward movement to ensure suction. Thus preventing any voids under the tile. Be careful to remove any surplus adhesive from the tile surface and joints with a damp sponge or cloth.

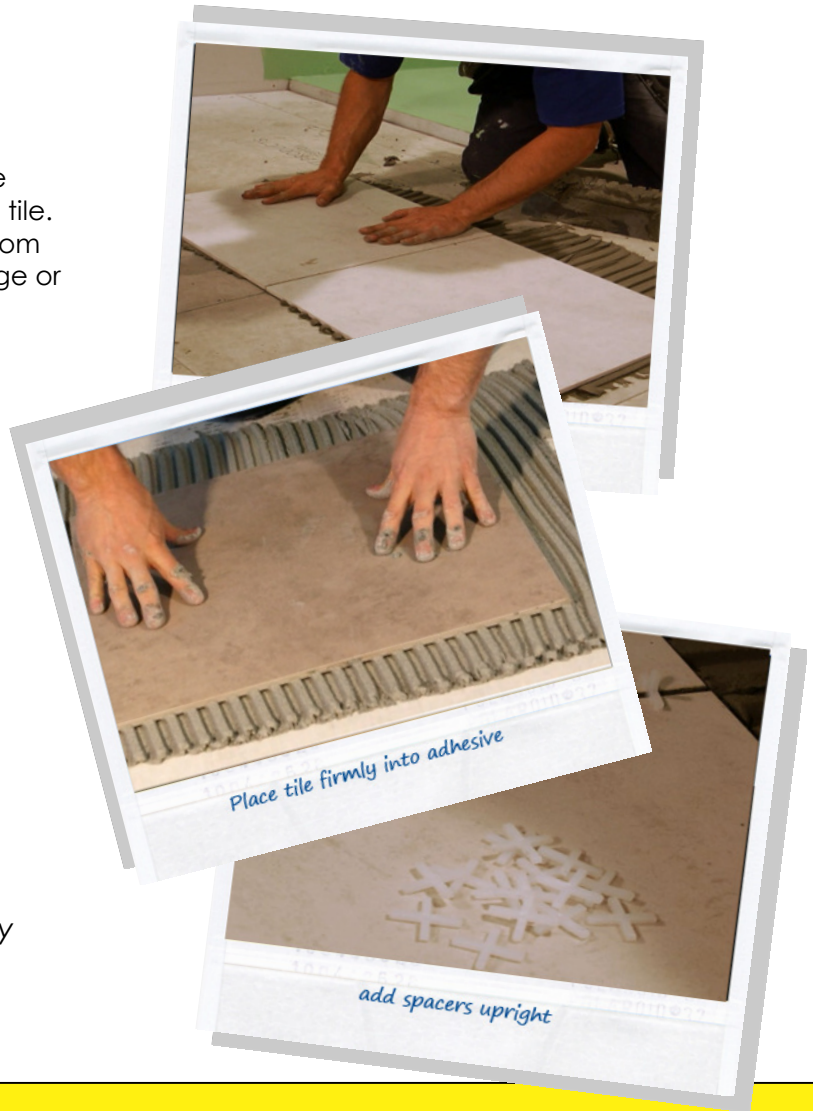
Add spacers

When applying the tiles to the adhesive, use your spacers, 2 per edge to keep the gaps consistent so that your tiles are kept straight and the grout lines are even.

By standing the spacer's upright on their corners, you can remove them when the glue dries to get full depth grout.

National Tiles recommend using 1.5mm spacers for the walls, 3mm for the floor and 5mm if you are tiling outside.

IMPORTANT: Always remember to remove the spacers once adhesive is dry and before grouting.



National Tiles Tips:

- Where possible it is best to start floor tiling first. This helps to make sure the joins along the wall are as straight as possible.
- Check tiles to ensure a minimum of 90% glue coverage (see video example)
- Work along the room in sections ensuring you don't spread out too much glue at any one time. Scrape up the excess glue before it dries, you don't want any lumps.