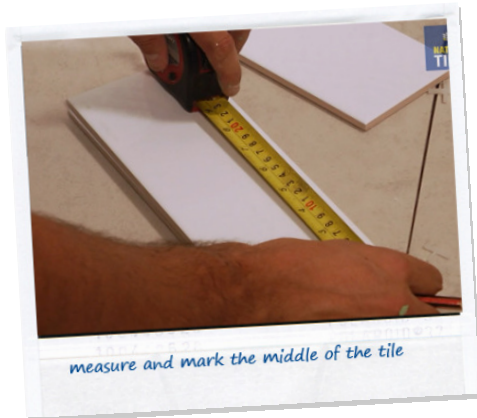


How to lay brick bond

Measure:

If doing brick bond, measure the middle of the tile and mark with a pencil and lay the tile.



Insert spacers:

Cut one spike of your spacer when laying brick bond pattern. This ensures your tiles stay in its designated spot. Leave the spacer in and grout over it.



Cutting mitred edges

When you have an outward facing corner such as a bath area, you can butt the tiles together and apply a trim. Trim can be purchased from any National Tiles store. Alternatively for a professional finish, a mitred cut is a great way to finish.

Simply turn the tile over and shave the tile on a 45 degree angle. Repeat this process with the joining tiles and its ready for gluing.



NOTE: You may notice a gap between the wall and tiles. Don't worry. We fill this in when we are grouting.



REMEMBER: Before applying adhesive, clean your walls with a cloth to ensure it is free from dirt and dust.



Start from the centre line and apply adhesive:

Start applying adhesive from the point where your centre line meets the baton. Apply the glue with a trowel horizontally, and spread the adhesive onto the wall. Using a smaller notched trowel, evenly spread out 4 tiles worth of glue. (For the right trowel, please refer to the guide 'Choosing the right tools for your job')

Press the first tile into the adhesive firmly moving across the direction of the beads. (horizontally)

Continue laying the tiles along the baton, (remember to insert spacers - note that bottom ones will stick out and the top ones will sit flush.

Check that the tiles are flush using your straight edge and press in any that are sticking out.



National Tiles Tips:

- Lay the bottom row, and then work your way up the wall one row at a time.
- Remember to wait for the glue to dry before removing the spacers and before grouting.
- Draw a grid on the wall to use as extra guides
- As per the "Australian Tile Standards" wall tiling in residential areas require a minimum adhesive of 65% coverage. Wet areas should have a minimum of 90% adhesive coverage, and external wall require 90% adhesive coverage" - "Facts" by the Victorian Division of the Australia Tile Council, 2009.

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