

PREPARING THE SURFACE & LAY THE SHOWER HOB

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Choosing a waste:

When planning your shower area, it's best to start with the waste or drain. There are a variety of grates available. Most houses have a middle waste already so this is what we will work with. *To achieve a simple, professional finish, we recommend a square waste as it's easier to cut your tiles to fit.*



There are four really simple stages to creating a beautifully tiled shower.

1. Lay your hob
2. Screed the shower base
3. Waterproof the area
4. Lay your tiles

Surface Preparation:

Preparation is easy. Check that your wall studs are solid, straight & plumb and have no major bows or dips. Then place cement sheeting, Villaboard or waterproof plaster board on the walls. You can pick this up from any National Tiles store.



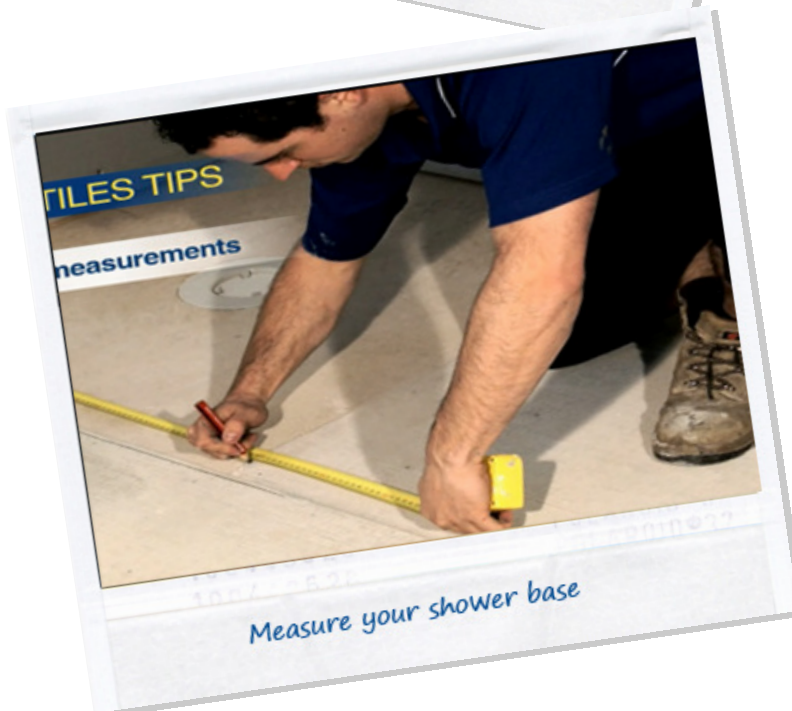
Clean the surface:

Once this is done, use a dustpan and broom or a vacuum to ensure the area is clean. Pay special attention to the corners.

Measure:

A hob is used as the frame of the shower base. A standard shower is 900mm x 900mm so if you decide to make it bigger this is the time to do it.

To lay your hob, measure and mark from the walls then out onto the floor. Make sure the measurements are parallel and square to the walls. To ensure you have got it level, measure from corner to corner. Mark the floor using your straight edge.



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Cut the hob:

To create our hob we are using a Heble Block. This is aerated concrete that is really simple to use. Measure, mark and cut it to size using a standard saw. 100mm is a good height to cut the hob at. Lay it down in position, double check that it's level. Then fix it to the floor.



Lay Heble Block in position & double check measurements



Measure, mark and cut Heble Block to size

Mix the glue:

Mix the glue by pouring water into a bucket and then add the premix. Continue mixing until you get the consistency of toothpaste. Make sure its not too wet. If it is too wet, add some more mixture until you get it to the right consistency.



Mix up the glue

Glue the hob to the joining edges:

1. Dust the block and wipe with a damp cloth.
2. Apply the glue to all joining edges of the Hebel block. Make sure you have a generous amount of glue. If you are in doubt, use more rather than less.
3. Place the block into position and press it down to spread the glue.
4. Use your spirit level and square to ensure its straight and level.
5. Scrape off any excess glue with a trowel.



Dust and apply glue



Place blocks into position



Scrape off excess glue

National Tiles Tips:

- Standard Step height is 100mm
- Wipe the hob clean with a damp cloth
- Adhesive takes about 24hrs to dry

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