

CUT & LAY SHOWER TILES

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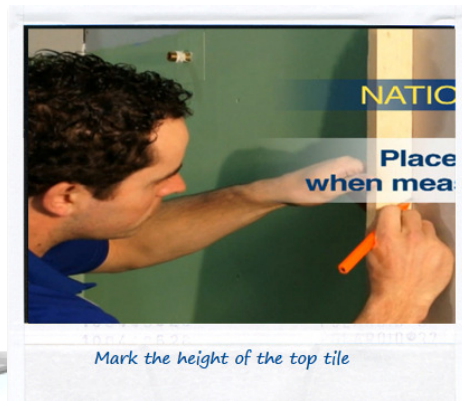
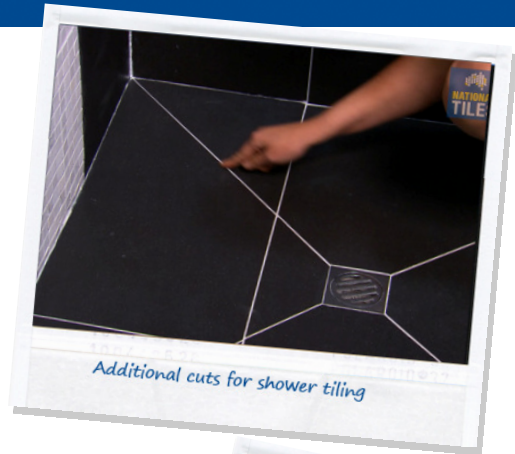
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Tiling a shower is just the same as tiling anywhere else except you need an additional cut in the floor tiles to make sure you follow the fall of the floor.

Mark your wall tiles:

When tiling your wall, mark some guide lines for the tiles. Work out the height of your top tile, using a spirit level draw your datum line along the top and then down to the bottom full tile. Draw a grid to follow when tiling.



What tiles we used in the D.I.Y video?

We have chosen 300mm x 600mm natural porcelain for the wall and floor tiles and the marble mosaics, 23mm x 23mm on 298mm sheet. If you need inspiration on selecting tiles for your perfect bathroom, just check out the National Tiles online gallery for assistance.

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Apply Batons:

Place your batons in line with the bottom of the last full tile. You want to keep the waterproofing in tact so don't screw your batons into the wall. Instead, place tiles on the floor to hold the batons up.



Tile walls first: Tile the walls leaving the bottom row, until after the floors have been complete.

Measure and cut shower grate (waste): When tiling your floor, you want to make sure the shower grate is flush with your tiles. To do this you may need to cut the shower grate pipe to allow for tiles and adhesive.



Place the grate into the outlet pipe and position a piece of tile on the floor next to the waste. Measure the gap between the tile and the top of the grate; this is the amount needed to be cut from the bottom of the grate. Cut the grate pipe with a hacksaw, place it back into position and then its ready tiling.

Dry lay floors & floor cuts:

Before laying the tiles, there are 2 stages of cutting. **Edge & shower waste cuts; and split cuts.**



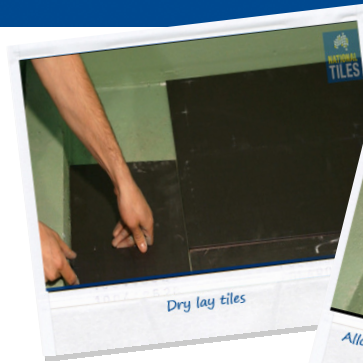
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Dry lay your tiles to fit inside the base. When marking the cuts, allow 5mm on each of the 4 sides to cater for the split cut joints.



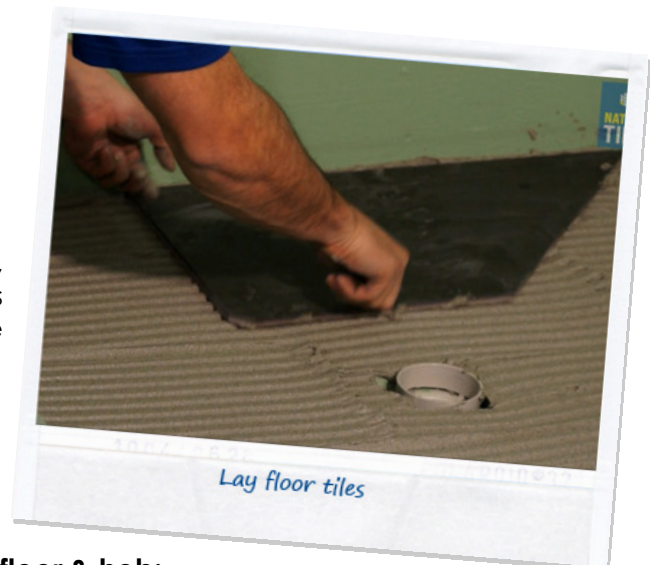
Dry lay your tiles and using a straight edge, mark the tile from the corner to shower waste. Repeat the process for all four corners. These are your split cuts.

Remove and cut, to ensure you have it right dry lay again with spacers. If something is not quite right, change it now as it will only

take a couple of minutes to fix. If you need a refresh on cutting tiles head to our 'Cutting and corners' video!

Lay the floor tiles:

Lay the floor tiles as you would any floor tile, spread out the adhesive, jiggle the tile firmly across the line of the beads ensuring maximum adhesive coverage of least 90% of the tile.



Finish wall, floor & hob:

In regards to the hob, lay the horizontal tile across the vertical tiles to act as a roof for the vertical tiles, use a piece of cardboard to simulate the adhesive when measuring the cuts for the vertical tiles. Lay vertical tiles then the horizontal.

Cut and lay the hob then the bottom row of the wall tiles.



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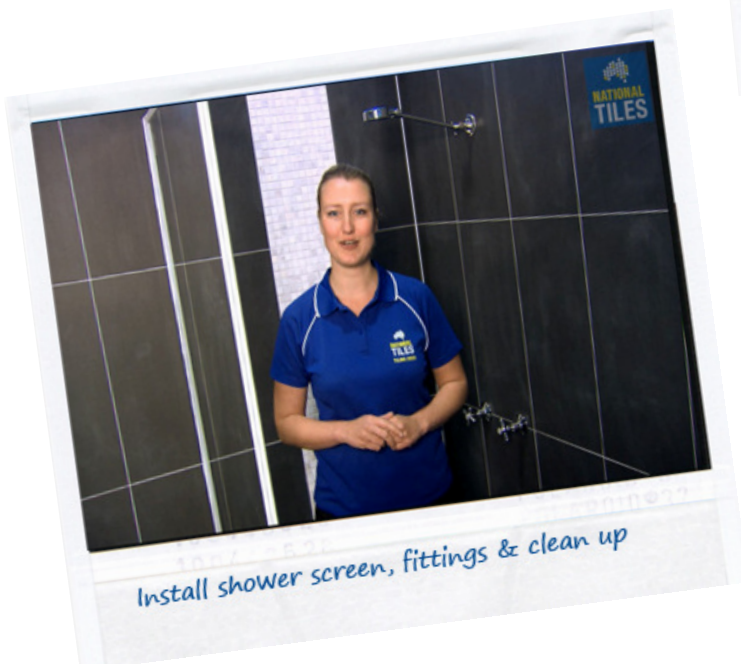


Grout and caulking:

Once the tiles have dried, remove your spacers and then grout.



Use silicone to seal in the corners and around the grate (waste pipe). **Once everything is dry, seal with grout sealer and wipe off the tiles.**



Finishing:

Make sure your shower screen is vertical and plum. Install using the manufacturers' instructions. All you need to do now is attach your fittings and finish by cleaning up.