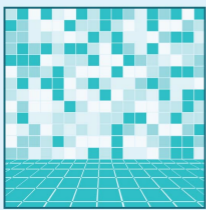


HOW TO TILE A CURVED WALL WITH MOSAICS



The flexibility of mosaic tile sheets makes them popular for walls with curves in them including rounded bathtubs and curved shop counters

Any curved wall should be covered in mosaic tiles, as tiling with traditional square or rectangular tiles is virtually impossible.

Make sure all tools needed are to hand prior to starting.

Additional Tools:



Mosaic Tiles on a mesh sheet



Grinder with wheel suitable for cutting concrete/stone



Cardboard

Preparation



Ensure the wall has been cleaned and dried thoroughly as this will provide a better surface for the adhesive to stick to.

Also make sure you have spare mosaic sheets available for the space you are tiling to account for any broken or damaged mosaics.

Measurements do not have to be as accurate as traditional tiling, as the sheet can be cut to size when tiling around different obstacles.

Tile from the Bottom Corner

Always start tiling in the bottom corner of the wall.

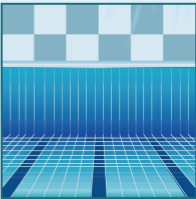
Spread a thin layer of adhesive with a trowel just in the corner section and press down a full mosaic sheet.

Make sure this is straight and aligned to the side of the adjacent wall or floor at the bottom.

If it is not level, you can tap the mosaics down with a short length of wood.

Using a straightedge ruler, ensure the grout lines within the mosaics remain straight. Tile spacers can also be used.

Continue to tile around the wall, keeping the mosaic lines straight, and laying them in rows across the wall.



Use a grinder with a thin wheel to cut the mosaic tiles at the opposite end of the room, as standard tile cutters will be difficult to use on the tiles.

Cutting Mosaic Tiles



Here's the tricky bit... Once you have established the cuts you require for the mosaic sheets you are ready to begin cutting.

Firstly you should apply a strip of masking tape to the tiles and draw a line on the tape with a pencil and ruler.

The tape will prevent you from marking the surface of the tiles.

Tile grinders are most effective when cutting mosaics.

Use a grout float to hold the sheet steady and place cardboard beneath it.

Wear safety glasses to prevent pieces of tile from chipping off and getting into your eyes.

Make the first cut with the grinder to form a groove along the mosaics.

Continue cutting into the groove, applying consistent pressure, to produce a smooth and precise cut.

These tiles will be hot from the grinder so allow them to cool for a few minutes before applying them to the wall.

Use this same method when cutting mosaic tiles for the top of the wall

Finishing and Grouting

Leave the adhesive to dry fully before grouting.

Remove the tile spacers.

Grouting mosaics can be more time consuming and intricate than tiling with square and rectangular tiles.

A greater quantity of grout will be required.

Use a grout float to ensure that the grout is applied within the gaps smoothly

Remove any excess grout from the surface of the mosaics with a damp sponge and leave the grout to dry completely.

