

HOW TO TILE A WALL

MARKING OUT



This can be done a number of ways but one of **the most popular techniques** is to attach both a vertical and horizontal **wooden batten to the wall**, ensuring they are straight with a spirit level

PREPARE YOUR WALLS

Just like tiling the floor, you must prepare your walls to be tiled.

START BY WASHING DOWN **THE WALLS** WITH SOAP AND WATER, AND WAIT FOR THEM TO AIR-DRY COMPLETELY.

TAKE DOWN ANY WALLPAPER, SAND-DOWN GLOSSY WALLS, AND PATCH ANY HOLES THAT MIGHT BE PRESENT.



SELECT A PATTERN FOR YOUR TILE



When placing your tile on the wall, you will do so in a pattern.

YOU CAN TEST EACH STYLE OF PATTERN OUT BY LAYING YOUR TILES OUT FLAT ON THE FLOOR.

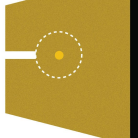
FIND THE CENTRE OF YOUR WALL

Because it is unlikely that your walls are perfectly square,

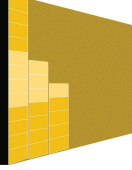
YOU'LL NEED TO START TILING IN THE CENTRE IN ORDER

TO CREATE A PATTERN THAT IS SYMMETRICAL.

DETERMINE WHERE THE CENTRE OF YOUR WALL IS, AND MARK IT WITH A PENCIL.



LAYING TILES



With the battens positioned you can then begin tiling above the horizontal batten near the centre of the wall by spreading an even layer of adhesive and pressing tiles firmly upon it.

USE TILE SPACERS FOR CONSISTENT GROUT LINES

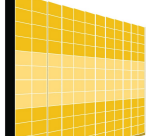
CUTTING TILES

WHEN YOU WORK YOUR WAY OUT TO THE EDGE OF THE WALLS YOU WILL **NEED TO CUT THE TILES.**

MEASURE AND CUT ACCORDINGLY USING AN ELECTRICAL OR MANUAL TILE CUTTER DEPENDING ON THE MATERIAL



GROUTING AND COMPLETION



ONCE THE ADHESIVE HAS SET AND THE TILE SPACERS HAVE BEEN REMOVED YOU CAN THEN GROUT BETWEEN THE TILES.

Remember to wipe away the excess grout with a wet sponge to avoid the grout marking the surface of the tiles

APPLY A SEALER

You don't have to apply a sealer to your tile if you don't want the added step,

BUT

IT IS PARTICULARLY HELPFUL IN A ROOM THAT HAS HIGH LEVELS OF MOISTURE.

