





# HOW TO TILE A FIREPLACE

A tiled fireplace can provide a beautiful focal point in a living room. The tiling process is different to that of tiling a standard wall; below we explain how to tile a fireplace.




If you've managed to remove the mantel Apply a straight piece of wood to the wall to act as a support across the top of the firebox - leaving a slight gap. Drill the wooden support firmly to the wall.




The job will be made easier if you can remove the mantel from the wall. If this is not possible then apply some masking tape along the inside edge of the mantel.

## PREPARATION



If you have a bricked wall then a thin layer of adhesive should be applied to cover it in order to create a straight and even surface - this should be allowed to dry overnight.



Your current fireplace surround should be completely removed first. If you have tiles you can do this by using a hammer and chisel. Make sure the surface of the wall is clean and dry before you begin.

## MEASURING AND LAYING TILES



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Establish midpoint of the firebox with measuring tape




Draw a line with a pencil down the middle of the wall and onto the wooden support which will indicate where to lay the first tile.



Mark a line on the centre point of the first tile to be laid. Spread adhesive above the wooden support and lay the first tile, ensuring the centre point adjoins with the line.



Tile either side of this, making your way to the edges of the fireplace where you'll need to make cuts to tiles with a manual or electrical cutter - depending on the material.



Continue laying tiles until you get to the top where once again you will have to make cuts to tiles. Once you have tiled the top section it is now time to apply tiles to the sides of the fireplace....

## TILING THE SIDES OF THE FIREPLACE



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You can only tile the sides once the adhesive has set at the top of the fireplace - once this has happened you can remove the wooden batten.



Choose one side to start from and tile beneath the bottom row at the top of the fireplace, which means any cut tiles will be less obvious as they will be situated at the bottom of the fireplace.



Begin tiling across and make cuts when you get to the outer edge of the fireplace. Continue in rows down to the bottom (where you will also have to make cuts to tiles) and then repeat this process on the opposite side.



Leave the adhesive to set and grout the gaps between the tiles. Leave this to dry for the recommended time before fixing your mantel above the firebox.



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