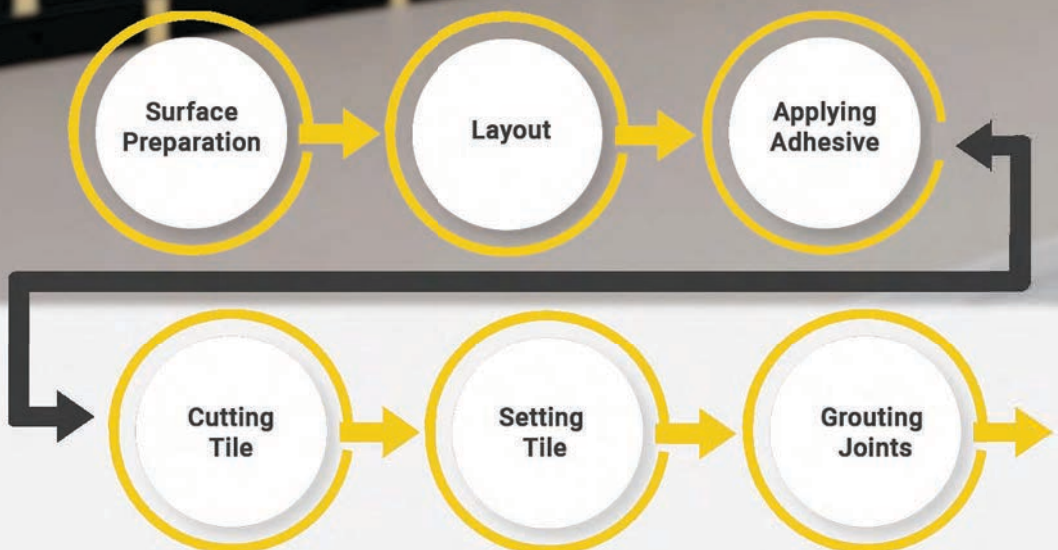


MARBLE TILE INSTALLATION GUIDE

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Surface Preparation



01

Ensure the surface is **flat, clean, and dry** to prevent cracks in the marble.

02

Fix any damaged or uneven areas, and remove moldings, trim, and other obstructions.

03

Trim door jambs if necessary to allow tiles to fit.

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Layout



01

Mark the center of the wall with a vertical line.

02

Lay out a row of tiles from this line, adjusting if cuts are smaller than half a tile.

03

Find the lowest point on the floor, stack two tiles, and draw a horizontal line at the top as a mark to guide the first row.

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Applying Adhesive



01

Use white, latex-modified thin-set mortar to avoid marble discoloration.

02

Follow all instructions on the adhesive packaging. Do not mix more than what you need for 30 minutes of work.

03

Apply a 1/4" layer to one grid area with the specified trowel.

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Cutting Tile



01

Use a **wet saw with a diamond blade** for marble cuts to avoid cracking.

02

For straight cuts, use a tile cutter; for curves, use a nipper or rod saw. Smooth sharp edges with a carborundum stone.

03

Leave a 2-inch gap for expansion.

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Setting Tile



01

Start tiling from the center, fully completing each grid before moving to the next.

02

Place tiles with a gentle twist, maintaining even spacing with spacers.

03

Install perimeter tiles last, leaving a 1/4" gap around the edges.

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Grouting Joints



01

Use **non-sanded grout** to avoid scratching marble; wait 24 hours after setting tiles.

02

Mix small batches of grout and spread with a rubber float, filling gaps.

03

After 15-20 minutes, clean with a damp sponge. Once a haze forms, polish with a soft cloth.

04

Allow 72 hours before heavy use. Avoiding sealers or polishes for three weeks.

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