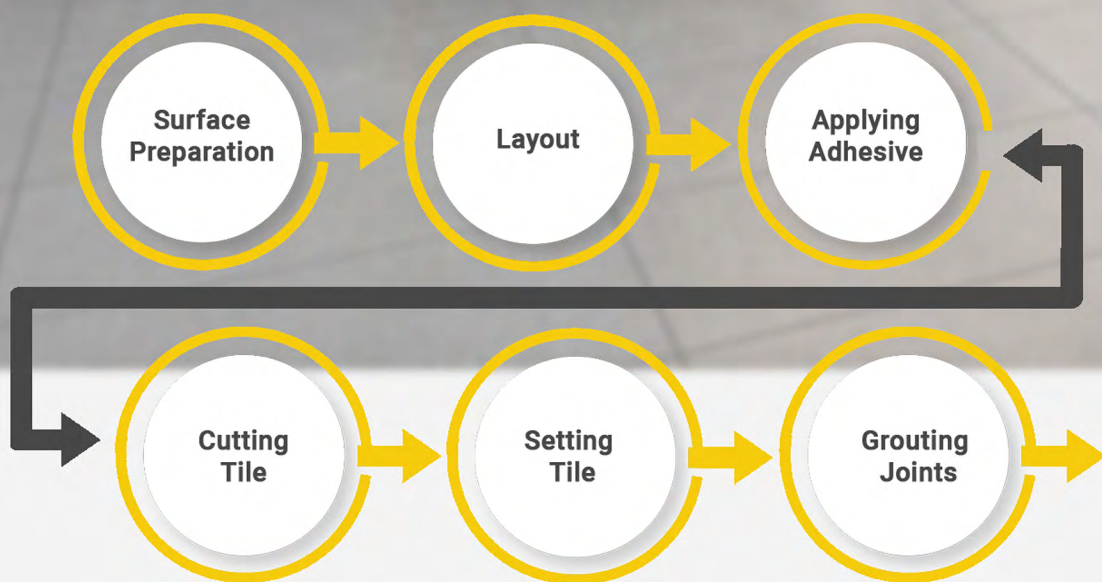


CERAMIC TILE INSTALLATION GUIDE

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Surface Preparation



01.

Ensure the surface is **clean, dry, and level.** Use cement backer boards for added stability.

02.

Repair any damaged or uneven areas to create a level base. Remove any moldings, trim, and appliances that could interfere with the installation.

03.

Trim door jambs if needed to allow tiles to fit snugly underneath.

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Layout



01

Mark the wall's center with a vertical line. Lay out loose tiles from this line to check spacing.

02

If cuts are smaller than half a tile, adjust the center line.

03

Find the floor's lowest point, stack two tiles there, and mark a horizontal line across the walls to guide your first row.

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Applying Adhesive



01

Use **latex-modified thin-set mortar** compatible with ceramic tiles.

02

Follow adhesive instructions and do not prepare more than 30 minutes of work.

03

Apply a 1/4" layer with the trowel's flat side.

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Cutting Tile



01.

Use a **wet saw with a diamond blade** for clean cuts.

02.

Measure and mark tiles, using a tile cutter for straight cuts and a nipper for curves.

03.

Cut the tile slowly and steadily, applying consistent pressure to avoid chipping or breakage.

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Setting Tile



01

Start tiling from the room's center, completing each grid section fully.

02

Place tiles with a twisting motion for good adhesion.

03

Use spacers to maintain even gaps and install perimeter tiles last, leaving a 1/4" gap at walls.

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Grouting Joints



01

Use **sanded grout** for joints over 1/8" and **non-sanded grout** for narrower joints.

02

Mix the grout as directed and press it into joints with a float at a 45-degree angle.

03

Wait 24 hours after setting tiles. After drying, buff off the grout haze with a cloth and allow the grout to cure completely before using the area.

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