



# DIY Tiling Handy Hints

## Tile Selection

Selecting the right tiles for your situation is important to achieve the most out of your new living space or area. Always discuss the project with your **Tile Power professional** prior to committing to materials for the job.

### Discuss the details such as :

- 1) The area you wish to tile - ie. poolside, balcony, living room, bathroom, alfresco etc.
- 2) What type of general look or style you are trying to achieve?
- 3) The project cost you wish to adhere to.

\* Generally a tile with a 'pressed' or 'cushioned' edge will allow more forgiveness for amateur tilers, assisting them with a more professional final result.



## Surface Preparation

The final result of the finished job will depend a great deal on the surface preparation prior to tile installation. The areas to be tiled must be flat and free of humps or hollows. If this is not the case, there are floor levelling products available, but you must consult your **Tile Power professional** first.

All surfaces must be clean, dry and contamination free to allow the best adhesive bond.

If you are working on a bathroom wet area, please remember there needs to be a slight gradient towards a water waste or drain to allow water to escape. Surface preparation brochures are available from your local Tile Power store.

## Tile Adhesive

When selecting a tile adhesive always remember that **you get what you pay for!** Cheaper adhesives on the market will not have the same characteristics as premium grade products. Consult your **Tile Power professional** on which adhesive type is best for your project and always follow manufacturer's instructions.

## Tile Laying

Always work in a consistent and methodical manner. And remember to work towards an exit or allow a path. You don't want to tile yourself into a corner. Accessories and specialty tools can be very cost effective and assist greatly with the installation procedure to achieve a great final result.

## Project Completion

On finishing your project, thoroughly clean your tiles with a mild detergent as there will be residue and debris from the installation process. If this step is left for too long, it will become more difficult as residues will begin to harden. If this happens, you will then require the use of chemical cleaners to achieve a clean surface.

## Final Thoughts

Tile installation gone wrong can become expensive and time consuming to rectify. Tile Power recommends that adequate research or consultation be carried out prior to undertaking any DIY tiling project.

For all the information and advice you may require please consult your local Tile Power professional. They will be happy to guide you through the process as well as recommend the right materials for the job because at Tile Power - **'We know our Trade.'**

**\* Information disclosed is a general guide only. For more detailed information regarding your specific situation please contact your closest Tile Power location.**