WALL TILING MADE EASY

Follow these easy steps for the perfect wall tiling installation every time.



Find the lowest point on the floor line and mark the wall one tile high from the floor at this point.



Nail a batten with a straight edge to the wall so that the top edge of the batten coincides with the mark. Ensure that the batten is horizontal, by using a spirit level.



Set out a row of tiles across the wall over the batten and adjust so that equal cuts at least half a tile wide will be made in each corner. Mark the batten where the first tile will be placed.

Remember to leave room for tile spacers.



Nail a vertical batten to the wall so that the inside edge of the batten coincides with the mark for the first tile. Check with a spirit level to ensure that the batten is perfectly vertical.



Use the appropriate TAL tile adhesive, like TAL Flex, and commencing in this corner, spread the adhesive onto the wall with the straight edge of a notched wall trowel or wall applicator.



In a horizontal direction, notch the adhesive with the notched wall trowel or wall applicator. Do not spread more adhesive than can be tiled onto in approximately 15 minutes.



Using dry tiles, begin in the corner of the battens placing tiles horizontally. Tile spacers ensure even joints between tiles. Remove before grouting. Leave cut tiles until last.



Bed the tiles in firmly using a rubber mallet. Remove the occasional tile to check that good contact with the adhesive is being made.



Check tiling regularly with a spirit level to ensure that horziontal fixing is being maintained.



Measure and cut each tile required to fill in corners and bottom row, leaving room for tile spacers. Butter the back of the tile with adhesive, place cut edge into the corner and press firmly into place.



After the adhesive has set, remove horizontal and vertical battens.



Allow adhesive to dry before grouting. Use TAL Wall and Floor Grout, available in a variety of colours. Work grout well into joints with a rubber squeegee.



Remove the excess grout with a sponge. Allow the grout to dry and then polish with a dry cloth.



Provide movement joints in all horizontal and vertical corners. In large areas keep these approximately 5m apart. Rake out joints and leave ungrouted. Fill with TAL Goldstar Sealmaster 1000 polyurathene joint sealant.