

## Tile Supplemental Content:

- Adhesive Options
  - Thin Set Tile Mortar
    - Thin set is great for locations with high moisture because it's non organic and therefore mold resistant. That being said, Thin Set is not waterproof.
  - Mastic
    - Mastic is extremely strong. Great for tiling walls where moisture isn't present. It also allows you to adjust your tile once you have set it, all while drying fairly quickly.
  - SimpleMat Tile Setting Mat
    - See shortcuts below for more details
  - Always read and follow the manufacturer's directions located on the packaging.
- Grout Options
  - Sanded vs Un-sanded Grout
    - Use sanded grout when your grout lines are larger than 1/8 in.
    - If less than 1/8 of an inch, use un-sanded grout.
  - Epoxy grout is another option. This type of grout is usually used by contractors during special applications.
  - Colors
    - Grout is offered in a large variety of colors.
  - Premixed
    - Some grout is offered in a premixed formula saving you time and energy.
  - Sealant
    - Sealant is a step that is commonly missed by DIY-ers. Don't forget to add a sealant to protect your grout and prolong the life of your project.
- Trowel and Float Options
  - A Trowel is used to apply mortar
    - Read your packaging directions to determine which style trowel to use.
    - Trowels are used to spread a consistent amount of mortar to your surface. It is always important to use the recommended trowel to insure the proper amount is evenly applied.
  - A Float is used to apply Grout
- Trim
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    - Trim is a small piece of tile that is used to finish your projects edges.
    - Trim is used for decoration or to cover space that is too large to cover with caulk.
  - Caulk
    - Caulk is great for sealing and finishing tile edges. Always use a caulk color that complements your grout color.
- Gear Tips:

- Knee Pads: A good pair of knee pads will save you during a floor application.
- Gloves: Tiling materials tend to dry out your skin. Using gloves during your project will not only protect your skin, but also provide you with an easier clean up.
- Impact Driver: When projects call for adding backer board to your surface, an impact driver will help with installation.
- Short Cuts
  - Choosing tile with built-in spacers will help save you time and energy when applying tile to your surface.
  - SimpleMat Tile Setting Mat
    - Is designed as an alternative for quick and easy tile adhesive. It comes in sheets and rolls depending on the size of your project. Visit your local Home Depot or go to [Homedepot.com](http://Homedepot.com) for more information on SimpleMat.