

HOW TO LAY MOSAICS

Before fixing mesh mounted mosaics, ensure that the surface to be tiled is smooth, solid, dry and clean. Porous surfaces should be primed before fixing.

Care should be taken in choosing an adhesive to suit a particular installation. Tile Choice staff will be able to advise you on which adhesive to use.

The sheets of mosaic should be fixed by pressing them into a combed bed of adhesive in a staggered brick pattern allowing for a grout joint between each sheet. The joint width on the sheets of mosaic should be used as a guide to the joint between each sheet.

A rubber faced float should be used to press the sheets into place to ensure complete adhesive coverage. Excess adhesive should be removed from the joints and from the face of the mosaic by using a damp cloth or sponge.

The mosaic sheets can be cut to size by cutting through the plastic mesh. Individual tiles can be cut by scoring them with a tile scribe and then using a pair of nippers to snap the tile.

Grouting should take place once the adhesive has had an opportunity to dry thoroughly as detailed on the product packaging.

In the majority of installations, a fine textured, cement based grout can be used. Once again, Tile Choice personnel will advise you on the type of grout required for an individual project.

The grout should be applied over the whole area using a squeegee or rubber faced grout float. Any excess grout should be removed with a grout sponge and the mosaic is then "buffed" to a polish with a soft cloth.

