

## SECTION 10

### GROUTING

**You can begin grouting one hour after setting tile. There's no need to wait longer. Here are some grouting tips.**

- Begin by mixing your grout, carefully following all manufacturers' directions or by using premixed grout.
- Spread grout using a rubber grout float – holding the float at about a forty-five degree angle.
- Make sure to press the grout into all joints using several sweeps.
- Remove excess grout with diagonal sweeps in relation to the grout lines, while holding the float at a steep angle to reduce the removal of grout from within the grout lines.
- Grout will take about 10-30 minutes to set – if you press a fingernail into the grout and it does not leave a mark, you are ready to start cleaning the grout. Again, be sure to follow all manufacturers' directions.
- Once set, clean the tile with a damp sponge, rinsing it often in clean water – make sure the sponge is not too wet.
- If grout is hard to remove, use a white plastic fine scrub pad, rinsing it often.
- Use as little water as possible during grout cleaning to reduce the risk of inconsistent color. Too much water and too many cleanings can lighten the color of your grout unevenly.
- To make clean-up easier, use less water and do fewer washes – you can also use grout haze remover, just be sure to follow the manufacturers' directions.
- After sponging, remove the haze left behind – start with a damp rag and then a clean, dry rag.
- After a couple of days, seal the grout using Homax® One Step Grout Sealer.
- If your tile or stone is not glazed, be sure to seal it as well.



Use a rubber grout float to apply your grout.



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