

SECTION 2

PLANNING YOUR PROJECT

Preparation is the key to success with any DIY project. So, be sure to consider the following:

- A good place to start is by measuring your wall area – to determine square footage, measure the height and width of the wall, and then multiply those two numbers together (i.e., 8' H x 4' W = 32 square feet).
- Be sure to bring those dimensions to the store when you buy your tile—and plan on buying 10% more tile than you need to account for breakage and replacements.
- When choosing a tile, be sure to consider its size, style, color, pattern, texture, and your home's décor.
- When choosing an adhesive, be sure to consider the type and size of tile, the condition of your wall, the location, and any special considerations (such as exposure to water).
- Homax® SPRAY & SET™ Wall Tile Adhesive is ideal for structurally sound natural stone, ceramic and porcelain tiles up to 6" x 6".
- SPRAY & SET™ Adhesive can work with tiles larger than 6", mesh-backed tiles and stone, mosaics and other non-traditional tiles, but requires additional coverage using back buttering (applying adhesive to the back of the tile) in addition to the wall surface. See Section 10 "Additional Applications" for more details and other uses for SPRAY & SET™ Adhesive.

Be sure to plan ahead and have enough adhesive for this additional coverage.

- SPRAY & SET™ Adhesive is for walls only and is not recommended for floors, overhead or ceiling surfaces, showers or tub surrounds.
- SPRAY & SET™ Adhesive is not for use with loose slate, hollow back tile, or to affix accessories and handholds to walls.
- Your tiles must lay flat to bond properly with SPRAY & SET™ Adhesive, so test tiles by laying them on a flat surface to see if they can be made to rock back and forth – if they can, you should consider a different adhesive. See the video for a demonstration of this test.



Measure your wall carefully to determine square footage.



Consider size, color, style, pattern and texture when choosing your tile.



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Test your tiles to make certain they lie flat before setting.

TOP TEN THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN PREPARING TO TILE YOUR WALL.

- 1. Plan ahead.** Measure the area you're going to be tiling. Explore the types and styles of tile available. Do your homework before you do your housework.
- 2. Make sure your wall surface is solid, smooth, even and flat.** The surface of your wall plays a big role in determining the kind of tile and adhesive you choose.
- 3. Take into account the room you're tiling.** The kind of room – kitchen, bathroom, interior, exterior – may impact your tiling and adhesive choices. Be sure to consider exposure to water and other environmental factors.
- 4. Choose your tile carefully – you'll have to live with it a long time.** Maybe the hardest part of a tile project is choosing the tile. Tile comes in different sizes, shapes, patterns, and materials. The tile you choose will affect which adhesive is right for you. And, be sure to get about 10 percent extra to allow for trim and breakage.
- 5. Determine the right adhesive – SPRAY & SET™ Adhesive, thinset, or others.** Be sure to match the right adhesive to the right job.
- 6. Make certain you have the right tools.** Your wall tiling tool box may need to have a wet tile saw or snap cutter, trowel, sponges, clean rags, grout float, level, drop cloths, sandpaper, spacers, a tape measure, buckets, and cleaning supplies like Goo Gone®. Remember, SPRAY & SET™ Adhesive requires fewer tools than thinset or mastic.
- 7. Choose your grout carefully.** Get sanded or unsanded depending partly on the grout line size. What about colors? You may also want to consider premixed grout to make this part of your project easier and cleaner.
- 8. Prepare the job site carefully.** Make certain your tools are nearby. Remember, measure twice, cut once! Prepare the wall surface thoroughly – making sure its clean, dry, even and free of flaws. Cover all exposed areas and make sure lighting and ventilation are adequate.
- 9. Take your time.** And, if you have any questions, you may contact us. Plus, in addition to our website, you'll find valuable tiling information on the Internet and in books available at home improvement stores.
- 10. Be sure to wait the recommended time before grouting** – SPRAY & SET™ Adhesive only requires a one-hour waiting period after affixing tiles. Finally, be sure to thoroughly clean your room after you finish your tiling project.



Be sure to carefully check your wall surface.



SPRAY & SET™ Adhesive is ideal for backsplashes.



Talk to your Sales Associate about choosing the correct tools.