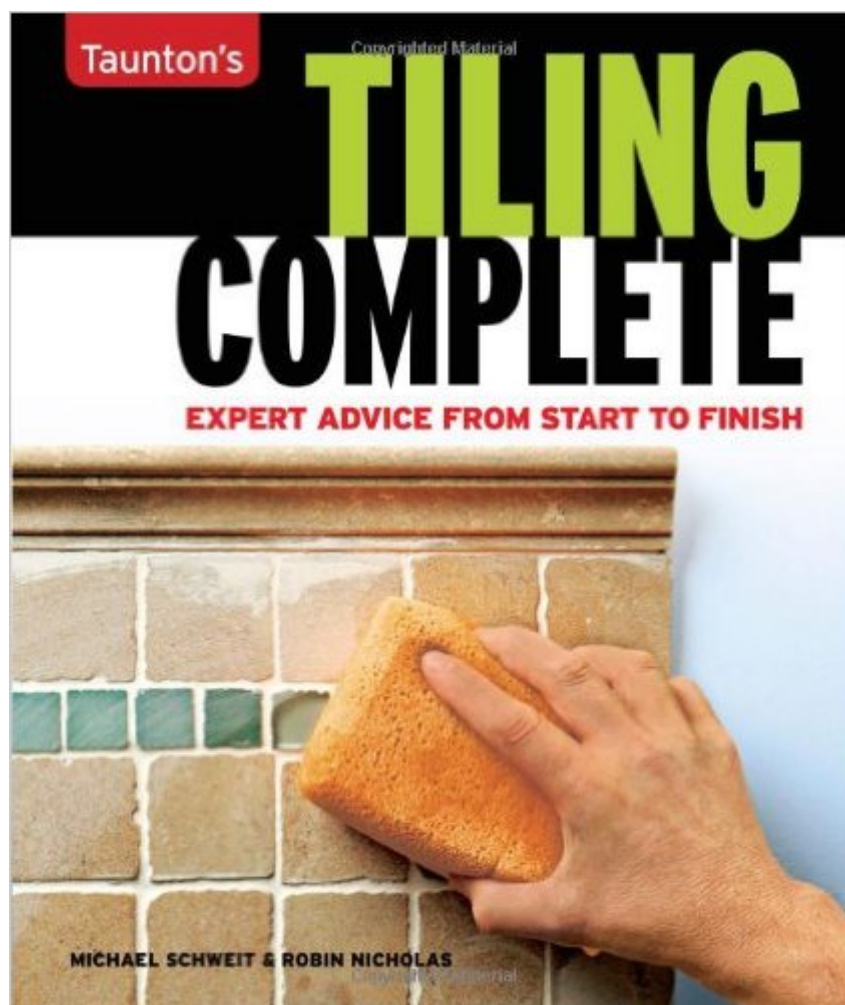


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# Tiling Complete: Expert Advice From Start To Finish



## Synopsis

Lots of homeowner's are intrigued with the many possibilities tile provides for improving the aesthetic beauty of their homes. But anyone who tries to design and install a new tile surface soon realizes this is truly an art and science unto itself -- with its own language, materials, tools, techniques and special skills. If you're ready to tackle the unique challenges of a home tiling project, you'll really appreciate the breadth and depth of information in *Tiling Complete*. Brought to you by two tiling experts -- each with over 20 years as working professionals -- this all-encompassing manual delivers everything you need to handle any tiling job from start to finish. The authors even point out several types of tiling projects -- with potentially costly repercussions -- that are best left for the professionals. Loaded with color photographs and detailed instructions in clear, precise language, *Tiling Complete* makes it a breeze to get the job done right -- even if you're a novice. Here are a few examples of what you'll find. Learn about the wide variety of tile types, from standard ceramic, porcelain and terra-cotta pavers to natural stone, glass, specialty and trim tile. Discover the natural characteristics of each (hardness, softness, durability) and which work best for specific applications and situations. Find out about design options that include color, décor and style, tile size, shape and orientation, and combining tile with other materials. Get expert advice about tools and techniques for everything from preparation, demolition and repair to cutting, drilling, installing, grouting and caulking tile. Gain a working knowledge of installation materials, membranes, substrates, adhesives, grout sealants, caulks -- and how to choose what's right for your job. Explore the finer points of tiling floors, countertops, walls and backsplashes -- with step-by-step instructions to make your finished product a thing of beauty. If you'd like to enhance your home with the unique texture and beauty of tile, here's a book that delivers all the expertise you'll need to get amazing results.

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Having been in the Bricklayers Union for 25 years, I have some knowledge of basic tile setting. The authors explain simply and clearly through photos and text what I knew and far beyond. Especially like the "trade secrets" and "What can go wrong" inserts. Recommend it for novice or Pro.

This book gave me the courage to tackle the floors and walls of my master bath, project is going great using the tips and techniques in the book. The "what can go wrong" feature has helped me from making shortcuts and costly mistakes.

This book does a good job of going through the necessary steps for the DIY'er to complete a tile job from start to finish. It provides some great tips that will make your life easier. However, the book lacks detail on some pretty basic issues. For example, the section on substrate offers no discussion on the different types available and the advantages or disadvantages of each. More glaring is the lack of information on how to properly attach them to the sub-floor. It's important to me to know that I can use a coil-nailer to attach hardibacker but wonderboard must be screwed down. This same lack of complete discussion of important details is apparent throughout the book. It's a good book but you may find that you need another one to fill in some of the blanks.

I just love starting new projects, but I was scared to death to begin tiling. This book gave me all the information I needed to have the guts to proceed. The instructions were very clear and I can't say enough about all the photographs. These authors did an amazing job showing what they do best. Thank you for writing this book for those who must do it by themselves.

Having some previous tiling experience, I was pleased to discover that "Tiling Complete" contained many well-informed tips and clear, straight-forward instruction -- simplifying and illuminating each step involved, including the handy features addressing mistake-prevention and trade tips. This is the clearest, most thorough book on tile-setting I've come across.

When it comes to tiling, I have found you need several books to glean enough details to do the job right. This is one to have.

This book delivers exactly what it claims. It covers all the aspects of tiling that someone who needs to buy a book about it would want to know. I bought it as a refresher before a new project, not having tiled in quite a few years, and I even picked up a few great tips that I didn't know before. I would recommend this book.

This is an outstanding book. We have done a variety of projects over the years and I have learned the hard way many of the lessons that these authors highlight in their book. If you want to tile, and you don't want to waste your time and money making stupid mistakes (as I have done in the past!!), buy and read this book.

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