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Tiling: Planning, Layout & Installation (For Pros By Pros)



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To get the best remodeling results, you need solid advice from the best in the business. For Pros by Pros books bring you field-tested techniques and real-world experience from the expert builders and remodeling pros who write for Fine Homebuilding magazine. Tiling: Planning, Layout, and Installation gives you the technical expertise and seasoned advice you must have to expertly plan, layout, and install tile throughout a residence. From simple to elaborate, easy to complex and challenging, this book from the editors of Fine Homebuilding magazine covers a huge range of tiling projects, techniques, and issues and gives you the technical help and design inspiration you need to plan and execute a range of tiling project.

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Customer Reviews

This is a good tile book. The only thing that I do not agree with is they show using "nippers" to cut many arcs. I always break my tile with nippers, and extensively use the technique shown on page 86 to cut arcs. By cutting many straight notches with your wet saw before using the "nippers" you break many less tile. I buy my own tile, maybe that's why. (5 broken tiles at \$2 apiece = a good lunch) Some of the info is a little bit old, but very good for anyone looking to do tile. It shows all the techniques that you would reasonably want to know for a Homeowner or construction worker with minimal experience. The only things really missing are new products like Kerdi pre-formed

drainpans, and membranes. You can google all the new isolation products and membranes and decide for yourself which you like. I only occasionally tile (more as a hobby) and am not sure, but I believe Kerdi is the leading brand. They do show cement boards (Durock, although it is likely you will find Hardibacker brand cement board instead; At least in my area) and they also show how to make your own substrate w/ mesh etc. The reason I bought this book was for the SHOWER DRAINPAN section, however now products like Kerdi pre-formed drain pans are much, much easier. If you are doing a non-standard drain pan, you will need to know this technique. One drain pan method that is not shown, is hot mop asphalt, presumably because there is no way you could do it unless you are a pro with special equipment. My Own Advice, Not related to the book: If you are going to do a tile project, you need a good / OK Wet Saw, you can get one for about \$300. Many people try to cut tile with the cutting boards, and it simply does not work well. You just break the tile and get frustrated / waste time.

I've done tiling for several years and this book taught me things the pros did not teach me. It is well written and provides a lot of good information.

Since I was looking for a book on the math involved, it wasn't what I wanted, but since I have done some tile work at home in the kitchen and bathroom, I think it is a useful guide, but you really may need a little more than this to do it yourself.

There are a lot of basic details that are missing in this book. There is no advice as to the sequence of laying out a tiled shower. No information on dimensions of sanded vs. non sanded grout lines, no information on expansion joints at the corners. No information on how to keep tiles level with each other. This book gives you just enough information to really mess up a project without knowing the details that produce a professional looking job. I would consider this a beginner's overview manual, not a for pros book.

I buy handy man books expecting to learn useful information. Being a novice tiler, this book has been a good help.

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