

Tile Project Materials & Tools Checklist

Everything a floor, backsplash or shower tile job needs, from backer board to sealer, with quantity and price columns and the calculator that counts each item.

Project	_____	Area with waste (sq ft)	_____
Tile / boxes	_____	Supplier	_____

Materials

✓	Item	Spec	Qty	Price	Count it with
☐	Field tile	Size, finish, lot number			Tile / box calculator
☐	Trim: bullnose, edge trim, cove	Matching finish			Edge trim calculator
☐	Thinset mortar	Type for your tile and substrate			Thinset calculator
☐	Grout	Sanded, unsanded or epoxy			Grout calculator
☐	Cement backer board + screws + mesh tape	Floors, tub and shower walls			Backer board calculator
☐	Uncoupling membrane	Floors over wood or cracks			Ditra calculator
☐	Waterproofing membrane	Showers and wet areas			RedGard calculator
☐	Self-leveling underlayment	Floors out of flat			Self-leveling calculator
☐	Spacers / leveling clips	Joint width			Spacer / clip calculators
☐	Grout sealer	Quarts			Sealer calculator
☐	Silicone caulk	Color-matched, for corners and changes of plane			

Tools

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| ☐ Tape measure, pencil, speed square | ☐ Manual cutter or wet saw |
| ☐ Chalk line and laser or long level | ☐ Tile nippers, angle grinder with diamond blade |
| ☐ Notched trowel (size per tile) | ☐ Rubber grout float |
| ☐ Margin trowel, mixing paddle, drill | ☐ Grout sponges, microfiber cloths |
| ☐ Two buckets (mix and rinse) | ☐ Knee pads, gloves, eye and dust protection |

Before you start

- ☐ Substrate flat, clean and stiff enough for the tile size
- ☐ Old flooring removed or approved to tile over
- ☐ Every box from the same lot; colors checked side by side
- ☐ Layout dry-laid; start line snapped
- ☐ Curing times noted for thinset, grout and sealer

Thinset type, trowel notch, membrane and curing times are set by the manufacturers of the tile and setting materials. Natural stone and large-format tile have extra flatness and mortar requirements.