



## Unit 32 – Tiling

### Task 01. Fill in the missing words from the box.

grout – pattern – consistency – floating and buttering method – joints– manufacturer  
 –notched trowel – adhesive mortar – in line – ridges – off-cuts – layer – apply

Tiles have been used for a very long time, to give interior and exterior spaces a special look. People started making clay tiles many thousands of years before Christ. The first decorative tiles were used by the ancient Egyptians. In the past, tiles were only produced for important public buildings and homes of the rich. Today, tiles can be bought by people on a low budget or at the luxury end of the market. Plus, the colours, shapes, sizes and finishes are endless.

Today, I will give you some basic instructions on how to lay tiles on a floor. Please, listen carefully and don't hesitate to ask me if you have any questions.

Firstly, take precise measurements of the area to get the exact number of tiles for your floor. Don't forget to calculate 10% extra for the \_\_\_\_\_. It is always an unpleasant situation when you are running short of tiles.

Then, clean the floor diligently and mix the \_\_\_\_\_ in a bucket to the \_\_\_\_\_ recommended by the \_\_\_\_\_. Make sure you are using the right adhesive mortar for the respective area to be tiled.

By this time, I'm sure, you will have already selected a \_\_\_\_\_ together with your customer. Start tiling in the centre to create a pattern that is symmetrical. Use guide-lines to keep your tiles straight.

\_\_\_\_\_ the adhesive mortar in a thin \_\_\_\_\_ on the floor and on the tile. This is called the '\_\_\_\_\_'. Create \_\_\_\_\_ on the floor with your \_\_\_\_\_ and press the tile into the adhesive mortar. Wiggle it back and forth, so that it does not move from its position.

Continue laying tiles by means of guide-lines to obtain joints that are \_\_\_\_\_.

The adhesive mortar needs to dry for at least 24 hours or as long as recommended by the manufacturer. Make sure nobody steps on the tiles before that time.

Finally, fill the \_\_\_\_\_. To achieve this, you need to spread \_\_\_\_\_ over the tiles. Wipe excess grout off and clean the tiles. I'm sure your customer will be excited by the new look of the room!