

Must-have Tile Tools

A tile setters checklist



📺 Video - Must Have Tile Tools

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Must-have Tools

☐ Cordless grinder

I would highly recommend getting a cordless grinder. So many situations where its much easier having the freedom of no cord. Plus the rpms are easier to control with a cordless grinder

Be sure to get a brush-less version of whatever brand you prefer. These will outlast traditional cordless grinders

My favorite as of now is the [Milwaukee Cordless grinder](#)

This one has the quick blade adapter that doesn't require a tool to replace blades

Another favorite of mine is the [Hilti Cordless Grinder](#)

Significant cost difference, but also have the quick release adapter

☐ Good Diamond Blade (multiple sizes; applications)

If I only had enough money for one blade, I'd choose

[Montolit CGX blade](#)

Its a great blade for just about everything, but specifically porcelain tiles

My other go to that I always have set up on another grinder is

[Montolit STL Blade](#)

This is a great blade for grinder and scribe cutting tiles

Other blades I recommend

[Montolit squadro](#) (for small intricate cuts; outlets in backsplashes, small plunge cuts)

[Dewalt standard diamond blade](#)

☐ Tile Cutter

My all time favorite cutters are

[Montolit Masterpuima](#) (25" cutter)

[Montolit Minipuima](#)

Other cutters I recommend

[Isshii Big Clinker](#) (25 1/2" cutter)

☐ Laser with adjustable pole

I'll be honest.....I'm still looking for a laser that I really love

The one I primarily use now is [The Dewalt Green Laser](#) A few things that I'm not happy with this one:- blank spots in area because of the protective cover
- comes with only one battery

-pretty pricy

Other lasers that I've used that I would consider a good buy

[Dewalt \(red beam\)](#)

[Bosch \(red beam\)](#)

A laser pole is a must

Unfortunately I can not find the exact model that I use and have in all my videos. But here is the company that I bought it from

[Laser Jamb](#)

another pole that works great:

[Dewalt laser pole](#)

☐ Horseshoe tile spacers

Horseshoe spacers are a must! So much better than the cheap rubber spacers you get at box stores

[1/16" horseshoe spacers](#)

[1/18" horseshoe spacers](#)

☐ Scraper (thinset & movement of tile)

Its not really a tile tool.....but I love using a

[Linoleum knife](#) for scraping out joints and moving tile

Other popular scrapers

[Grout scraper tool](#)

[5&1](#)

☐ Tile Leveling System

A leveling system is great for any tile over 12" wide

It will help keep tiles even with one another [Review this video on choosing spacers](#)
My favorite system is Perfect Level Master

[1/32" clip kit](#)

[1/16" clip kit](#)

[1/8" clip kit](#)

for bigger projects, get larger bags

[1/32" 500 bag](#)

[wedges](#)

They do make a tool to pinch wedges in place

[T-lock gun](#)

Other systems to consider

[Spin doctors 1/16" kit](#)

[Lev-tec system](#)

[Tuscan leveling clips](#)

☐ Trowels

Every bathroom project you will need multiple size trowels

Here are the most common ones needed

[Ditra trowel \(3/16" x 3/16"\)](#) to set ditra or thin tile

[Kerdi trowel \(1/8" x 1/8"\)](#) setting membranes

[1/4" x 1/4" trowel](#) (subway tiles, tiles under 12", mosaics)

[1/4" x 3/8" trowel](#) (larger tiles, Schluter pans)

[Euro Trowel](#) (great for 12" x 24", plank tile)

[3/8" x 1/2" trowel](#) (large tiles)

[1/2" x 1/2" trowel](#) (floor tiles, large tiles)

☐ Grout Float

My favorite groat floats for pre-mix grouts & epoxy

[Troxell grout float](#)

Other great floats:

[Marshalltown](#)

[Marshalltown](#) (mini float for tight spaces)

[Superior](#)

☐ White Scrubby pads

Always need scrubby pads!

[White scrubby pads](#)

☐ Ardex Sponges

I know these are expensive....but they are well worth it

[Ardex sponges](#)

☐ Microfiber Clothes

Microfiber clothes are a must to prevent grout haze

especially if you are using a pre-mix or epoxy grout

[Microfiber clothes](#)

☐ **Wet Saw**

I have this as the last must-have tools because not every bathroom remodel requires one. A lot of time a good grinder blade and tile snapper is all you need

But if I were to buy a saw, I would stick with

[Dewalt Wet saw](#)

It really is one of the best. I've had a lot of expensive saws in the past and this one really does the job well and is under \$1,000

Other helpful tools

☐ **Grinder with Dust Shroud**

This combination will save a lot of trips outside to cut. Its not the most accurate because it can be tough to see a line on tile, but I primarily use for correction cuts or scribing. saves a lot of time and keeps down on dust

[Makita paddle switch grinder](#) (corded to attach to shop vac)[Fein Grinder Shroud](#) (keeps dust down)[Fein Shop vac](#) (with tool switch; turns on when using tool)

☐ **Polishing Pads**

These are great to fine tune your cuts, especially if you are cutting large format tiles for a shower floor

[Polishing pad kit](#)

☐ **Hand Diamond pads**

These are great for fine tuning cuts

[Hand diamond pads](#)

☐ **Collomix Mixer**

A good mixer is great. Will get the most out of your thinset mixing better with one of these

[Collomix mixer](#)

☐ **Grabo**

This is the latest craze! It is very helpful with large tile

[Grabo](#)

☐ **Oscillating tool**

☐ **Margin Trowel Grout Float**

For those tight places for grouting

[Margin trowel grout float](#)

☐ **Assortment of diamond hole saws**

An assortment of diamond hole bits will make things quicker and easier

[Bosch kit](#)

☐ **Drip-free caulking gun**

If you haven't ventured into caulking guns. [Newborn caulking guns](#) will show what you've been missing

May favorite is the standard drip-free caulking gun

[950-GTS](#)

☐ **Scale for weighing thinset**

If you want to be accurate, a scale is the way to go. Its helpful for mixing half bags of anything

[Scale](#)

☐ **Bucket Mud Mixing Paddle**

This is a must for mixing mud for a mud bed or any type of mortar/concrete

[mud mixing paddle](#)

☐ **Wood Floats**

These are great for mud beds, or embedding membranes

[Wood float](#)

☐ **Rubber gloves**

Keep that thinset off your hands....

[Venom rubber gloves](#)

☐ **Glass Tile nippers**

[Tile nippers.](#)

great for penny tile, glass, minor corrections

☐ **Thinset removal wheels**

For excess thinset leftover on a floor or to grind down a tile if needed

[Thinset removal wheel](#)

[Strip discs](#) (less abrasive)

something I plan to try

[Megatron diamond disc](#)

☐ **Measuring buckets**

Very important for measuring water ratios for thinsets or grouts

[Measuring bucket](#)

☐ **Floor Level Bucket Kit**

A kit will allow you to mix to bags at a time. Worth it for effieciency and bigger jobs

[Mixing barrel kit](#)

[Ardex version](#)

☐ **Specialty tile bits**

Its always nice having a solution to issues that can take a lot of time to fix

[Montolit hole saw \(3/16"\)](#)[Montolit milling tool](#)[Montolit countersink bit](#)

☐ **Diamond bit to drill through tile**

For accessories

[Milwaukee diamond plus bit](#)

If you are not a member of my course, I encourage you to become one, It will make the bathroom remodeling process much easier

[Tub & Shower in 7 days or less](#)

Thank you!

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