



TILE SPACERS - WHAT SIZE SHOULD I USE? HOW MANY WILL I NEED?

Why use tile spacers?

Tile spacers can aid in giving your job a professional finish (as well as providing a variety of style/design options for your customer) and come in a range of shapes and sizes.

Tile spacers allow you to achieve a consistent pattern when fixing wall/floor tiles and help to ensure that all tiles are laid equidistant from each other (providing a symmetrical finish - as you or your customer would expect) in order for the grout to then be applied.

What size tile spacers should I use?


Selecting the size of spacer required for a job is often down to personal preference. As such it is recommended that you get the customers opinion on what they would prefer (as the spacers will dictate the width of the grout lines, which are a strong feature of the overall floor/wall design). As long as the job is completed in a way that will be long lasting (i.e. allowing for the movement of tiles for stress relief - 2mm is usually sufficient for walls and 3mm for floors) then the aesthetic side can usually be left to the customer.

Taking common practice into consideration, it is recommended that **wall spacers are 2-3mm** (with 2mm covering the majority of requirements) and **floor spacers 3-5mm the minimum**.

How to use tile spacers: pre-testing

Use spacers to do a trial run for your design (this will help finalise your design and ensure that you have a clearer picture of what the outcome will look like). It is recommended that you lay this trial run in the centre of the room and then visualise the complete design from different points in the room. It would also be wise to take into account any unusual areas you will need to tile (such as around sinks or showers) and see how they will affect the overall design.

How many tile spacers do I need?

TILE SPACERS NEEDED PER SQ. YD./M2 ACCORDING TO CERAMIC FORMAT										
	Inch cm	4x4" (10x10)	6x6" (15x15)	8x8" (20x20)	12x12" (30x30)	16x16" (40x40)	18x18" (45x45)	20x20" (50x50)	24x12" (60x30)	24x24" (60x60)
X /	Sq. Yd. m ²	89 (106)	41 (49)	24 (29)	13 (15)	7 (8)	6 (7)	5 (6)	7 (8)	5 (6)
T /	Sq. Yd. m ²	178 (212)	82 (98)	48 (58)	26 (30)	14 (16)	12 (14)	10 (12)	14 (16)	10 (12)