SimpleMat™
TILE SETTING MAT

The quickest, easiest, cleanest way to install tile.

No Mortar, No Mixing, No Mess
Complete Your Project in a Day
No Waiting Between Setting and Grouting

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Acceptable Tile - SimpleMat can be used with any type of ceramic, porcelain, stone or glass tile 1" x 1" (2.5 x 2.5 cm) or larger. Mosaic tile with an open mesh backing can also be used as long as the thin side of the tile is at least 5/8" (1.6 cm). Tiles should not be heavier than 7 lbs. (3.2 kg) or larger than 8" x 8" (20 x 20 cm).

Areas of Use - SimpleMat is suitable for kitchen or bath counters, backsplashes, shower walls, and tub surrounds. SimpleMat should not be used on floors, ceilings, showers floors or submerged applications (i.e. swimming pools). SimpleMat is not recommended for outdoor use.

Surface Types - SimpleMat can be used to tile over many household surfaces. Tile over drywall, plywood, WonderBoard® Lite backerboard, concrete, painted surfaces, laminates and even old tile. All surfaces to be tiled should be flat, stable, even, clean, dry and free of dust and grease.

Surface Preparation - For backsplashes or countertops — patch or level if needed. For shower walls see preparation instructions (included).

Setting Order - Set countertop tiles prior to setting backsplash tiles. Set countertops from front to back, set backsplashes and shower walls from bottom up.

Clean Surfaces - Before installing be sure to wipe walls, counters, and backs of tile or stone with a damp sponge and allow to dry. Remove dust to ensure a strong bond.

Coverage - One box of SimpleMat covers 10 square feet (.92 M²).

Grout Requirement - SimpleMat is designed to be used with grout to lock-in tile and stone. Grout your installation within 24 hours with the recommended SimpleGrout™ Pre-Mixed Grout or Fusion Pro™ Single Component Grout™. You may also use Polyblend® Grout or CEG-Lite™ Commercial 100% Solids Epoxy Grout.

Customer Support - If you need additional information or to watch instructional videos visit www.thesimplemat.com. Customer support is available at 800-272-8786.

TOOLS

IN ADDITION TO YOUR TILE OR STONE, ALL YOU NEED TO COMPLETE YOUR PROJECT:

SimpleMat
SimpleGrout or Fusion Pro Single Component Grout
Grout Float
Tile Spacers
Sponge
Scissors

Your project may also require a tile saw or tile cutter.

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**Countertops**

**STEP 1**

**BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

**PREPARE YOUR COUNTERTOP**

- Clean dust and debris. Wipe with a damp sponge.
- Ensure a flat, square counter or wall surface.
- Do not apply to uneven surfaces.

**STEP 2**

**COUNTERTOPS LAYOUT & APPLICATION**

**SIMPLEMAT LAYOUT FOR COUNTERTOP**

- For efficiency lay SimpleMat horizontally on counter.
- Overlap SimpleMat edges 1/8” to 1/4” (3 - 6 mm). Overlapping is shaded in illustration.

**APPLYING SIMPLEMAT TO COUNTERTOP**

- Peel off white paper.
- Apply SimpleMat to counter.
- Flatten air bubbles and creases.
- Cover all surfaces to be tiled.
- Cut SimpleMat as needed.
- Cut corner from end of mat to facilitate folding of corner.
Backsplashes

**STEP 1**

**BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

**PREPARE YOUR BACKSPLASH**

- Clean dust and debris. Wipe with a damp sponge.
- Ensure a flat counter or wall surface.
- Do not apply to uneven surfaces.

**STEP 2**

**BACKSPLASHES LAYOUT & APPLICATION**

**APPLYING SIMPLEMAT TO BACKSPLASH**

- Place SimpleMat in position and mark cuts if needed.
- Cut SimpleMat with scissors or utility knife.
- Apply SimpleMat then flatten air bubbles and creases.
**Shower Walls**

**BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

**PREPARE YOUR SHOWER WALLS**

1. **Ensure a flat counter or wall surface.**
2. **Do not apply to uneven surfaces.**

   - **Nail or staple 16 lb roofing felt or 4 mil polyethylene sheeting to studs.**
   - **Install 1/2" (13 mm) cement backerboard for wall installation. Cut open areas to support plumbing fixtures.**
   - **Clean dust and debris.**

**STEP 2**

**SHOWER WALLS LAYOUT & APPLICATION**

**SIMPLEMAT LAYOUT FOR SHOWER WALLS**

- A single sheet of SimpleMat must run across a corner with at least 1" (25 mm) of excess material on each wall.
- Lay SimpleMat horizontally on shower walls starting from the bottom of your shower wall up.
- Overlap SimpleMat edges 1/8" to 1/4" (3 - 6 mm). Overlapping is shaded in illustration.

**APPLYING SIMPLEMAT TO SHOWER WALLS**

- Place SimpleMat in position and mark cuts if needed.
- Cut SimpleMat with scissors or utility knife.
- Apply SimpleMat then flatten air bubbles and creases.
TILE LAYOUT FOR COUNTERTOPS

Begin layout by positioning the front edge tiles bull nose or v-cap along the front of the countertop.

Do a dry run by placing as many full tiles on the countertop with spacers as necessary. If countertop abuts a wall, lay cut tiles against the wall.

For straight countertops, mark centerline of countertop or sink, then lay tiles so cut pieces beside sink are the same width. Avoid less than half-width cut tiles by shifting the layout 1/2 tile left or right.

For L-shaped countertops, lay full tiles at inside corner. Set bull nose or v-cap pieces in place to ensure correct amount of overhanging pieces.

TILE LAYOUT FOR BACKSPLASHES & SHOWER WALLS

Mark centerlines of the wall.

To determine tile placement and cuts, lay it out on the floor first, placing a row of tiles along each line using spacers. Then replicate the measurements on the wall.

If the space at the wall end is less than 1/2 tile, shift centerline to eliminate small cuts. This will allow wide, even tiles at both edges.
TIPS BEFORE YOU SET YOUR COUNTERTOP — USING V-CAP OR BULL NOSE TILE

BULL NOSE TILE: Regular shaped tile with a rounded edge used for counter edge and other transitions.

First apply tile to front of counter.

Ensure that counter tile overlaps and use spacers for a uniform grout joint.

OR

V-CAP TILE: L-shaped tile specifically used to cover the front edge of a countertop.

Because v-cap may not fit squarely on countertop, use grout or SimpleFix Ceramic Tile & Fixture Caulk to fill voids between v-cap and countertop.

Do not apply excessive filler material as it will interfere with bond.

Countertops, Backsplashes & Shower Walls

STEP 3

SETTING TILE

Clean back of tile or stone with a damp sponge. Tile must be dry before setting.

Remove clear plastic from SimpleMat.

Lightly set tile into place using tile spacers.

Adjust tiles as needed.

Press tile firmly to lock into place.

Ready to grout with SimpleGrout or, Fusion Pro. Grout your installation within 24 hours of setting tile over SimpleMat.

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