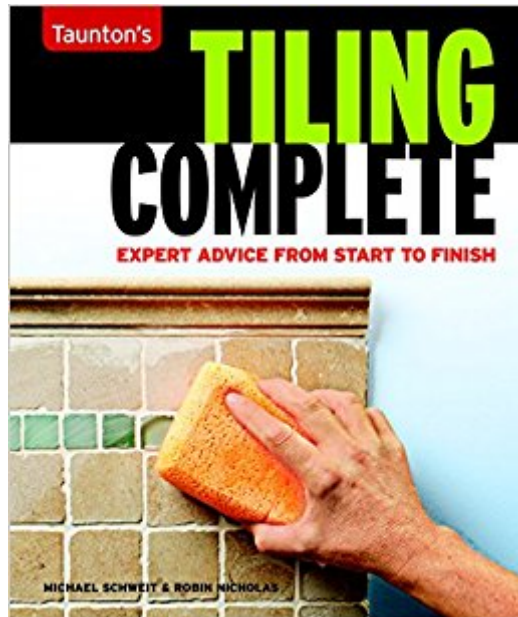




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# Tiling Complete: Expert Advice From Start To Finish



## Synopsis

Lots of homeowner's are intrigued with the many possibilities tile provides for improving the aesthetic beauty of their homes. But anyone who tries to design and install a new tile surface soon realizes this is truly an art and science unto itself -- with its own language, materials, tools, techniques and special skills. If you're ready to tackle the unique challenges of a home tiling project, you'll really appreciate the breadth and depth of information in Tiling Complete. Brought to you by two tiling experts -- each with over 20 years as working professionals -- this all-encompassing manual delivers everything you need to handle any tiling job from start to finish. The authors even point out several types of tiling projects -- with potentially costly repercussions -- that are best left for the professionals. Loaded with color photographs and detailed instructions in clear, precise language, Tiling Complete makes it a breeze to get the job done right -- even if you're a novice. Here are a few examples of what you'll find. Learn about the wide variety of tile types, from standard ceramic, porcelain and terra-cotta pavers to natural stone, glass, specialty and trim tile. Discover the natural characteristics of each (hardness, softness, durability) and which work best for specific applications and situations. Find out about design options that include color, décor and style, tile size, shape and orientation, and combining tile with other materials. Get expert advice about tools and techniques for everything from preparation, demolition and repair to cutting, drilling, installing, grouting and caulking tile. Gain a working knowledge of installation materials, membranes, substrates, adhesives, grout sealants, caulks -- and how to choose what's right for your job. Explore the finer points of tiling floors, countertops, walls and backsplashes -- with step-by-step instructions to make your finished product a thing of beauty. If you'd like to enhance your home with the unique texture and beauty of tile, here's a book that delivers all the expertise you'll need to get amazing results.

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Michael Schweit has been a licensed tile contractor for more than 25 years. He has installed ceramic and stone tiles on a multitude of custom residential projects. Michael has gained an excellent reputation for executing technically challenging projects and for expert troubleshooting. He has apprenticed a number of tile setters to the challenging trade of tile and its craftsmanship. He is also a frequent technical advisor and consultant on projects involving tile restoration as well as tile job failures. Robin Nicholas has worked as a professional in the tile industry for over two decades. She has worked as a tile installer, apprenticed employees, and served as a consultant. She is a member of the Tile Heritage Foundation, SAMA, and the Potters Council.

Unless you're a novice with no access to the Internet, don't bother. You can get the same information if you have enough patience looking on the Internet

This book came in handy when we were installed our tile backsplash in our new kitchen. The only thing it is really missing is information for installing tile using a membrane rather than thinset or mortar. It did give us some good tips though that helped with our project. Probably more information than we really needed since our project was just a kitchen backsplash.

Just as needed. Great information for beginners like me.

Great tips on this. As a first time floor tile installer...this got me through my project with ease. Excellent.

Has the essentials, tiling is not hard but the book is a bit out dated, many new techniques have arise.

Step by step instructions with lots of pictures and illustrations.

I purchased book to help my get through my first tiling job. I don't know that I could have done it without this book. That doesn't mean that other books would not have been as helpful, this just happen to be the one I bought. Easy to read, stays away from industrial jargon and keeps it to the 'layman's level.' I read through the book twice before I ever touched a tool or purchased the tile and I am glad I did. There are a lot great tips and suggestions that helped to direct my money and prevented repeated trips to the hardware store (which I'm notorious for if you ask my wife). I would recommend this book for anyone setting up for their first tiling job. Since I have done my initial small bathroom, I installed tile in two other rooms of my house and they all look great and professional.

Having been in the Bricklayers Union for 25 years, I have some knowledge of basic tile setting. The authors explain simply and clearly through photos and text what I knew and far beyond. Especially like the "trade secrets" and "What can go wrong" inserts. Recommend it for novice or Pro.

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