

TILE STRIPES

How-To



SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate

TIME: 10-12 hours

COST: Approx. \$200 based on (three) 5' sections for the stripes and a new quart of paint.

TOOLS AND MATERIALS:

- Measuring tape
- String
- Pushpins
- Level
- Tile
- Some sheets of SimpleMat™
- tile setting
- Tile cutters
- Safety glasses
- Pencil molding tile
- Grout and float
- Sponge
- Cheesecloth
- Paint with rollers, trays, and other supplies
- Painter's tape

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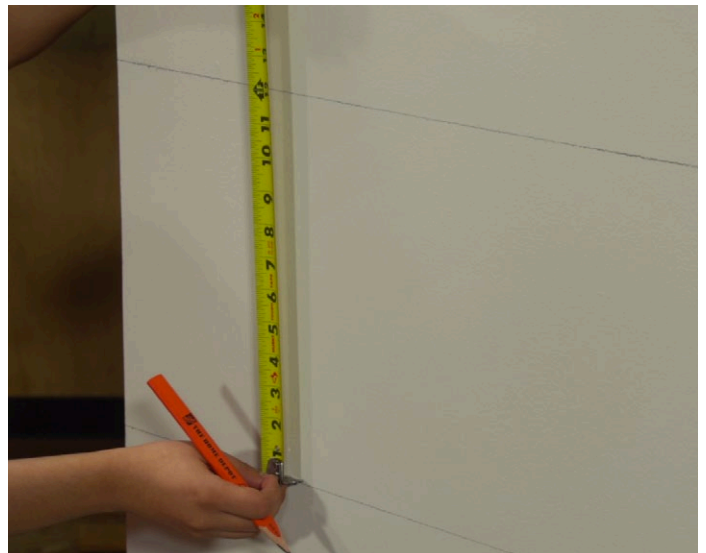
STEP 1: MEASURE

Measure the wall space you'll be working with, and buy your paint and tile accordingly.

Measure 12 inches up from the floor and make a mark. This will be the space for your first tile stripe. Measure up eight inches and mark. Then measure up another 12 inches and mark. This will be your second tile stripe. Repeat as frequently as your wall space permits, giving eight inches of space between each tile strip.

Repeat this process on another point on the wall to create a second reference point.

Use a string and pushpins to draw the guidelines for the tile stripes along the wall. Use a level to make sure they're straight.



STEP 2: TILE

Following the instructions on the box, apply the SimpleMat tile setting to the stripes you plan to tile.

Apply the tile squares directly to the tile mat.

Use tile cutters to clip away any protruding tiles.



STEP 3: GROUT

Grout the tile with a float. Hold the float at a 45-degree angle.

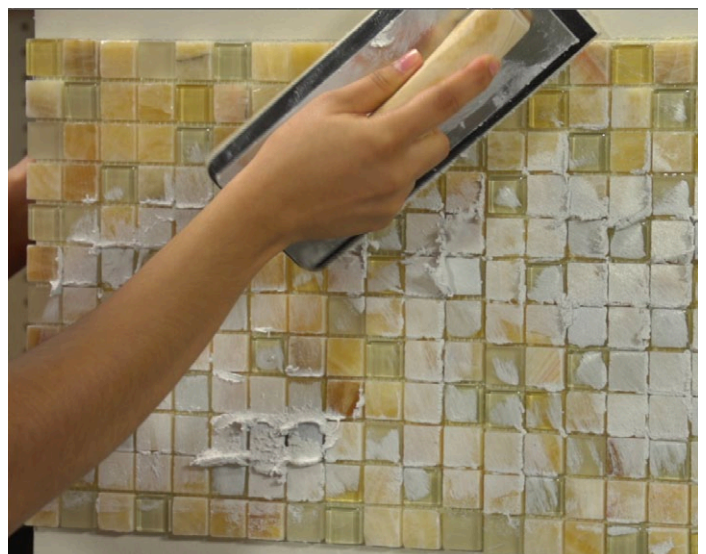
Place pencil molding tile into the grout above and below the stripes.

Let the grout dry for 20 minutes.

Mop off excess grout with a damp sponge.

Let grout dry for another two hours.

Polish grout with a cheesecloth.



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STEP 4: PAINT

Tape off edges of the stripes with painter's tape.

Paint between, above, and below the tile stripes.

