

PROJECT 2

REPLACE A CRACKED TILE

YOU'LL NEED

Tile, tile adhesive, grout, claw hammer, cold chisel, builder's bucket, tile trowel, sponge, safety goggles, brush and dustpan, spirit level, old screwdriver

STEP 1

Use the old screwdriver to remove as much of the grout surrounding the broken tile as possible. Now remove the broken tile – start by chipping the tile with the cold chisel and claw hammer in the crack nearest to a corner or side of the tile. Wear safety goggles to protect your eyes from flying tile fragments. Chip carefully from the outside to the inside so as not to damage the surrounding tiles.



STEP 2

Chip away the old tile adhesive to expose the concrete surface underneath. Check there are no raised bits of adhesive or the new tile will rest unevenly and crack again. Sweep up dust and debris with a brush and dustpan. Put the new tile in position to ensure it will lie flush with the other tiles. You need about 10 mm between the tiles for the grout.



STEP 3

Mix tile adhesive in the bucket. Using the tile trowel spread the adhesive on the back of the tile. Use the serrated side of the trowel to make grooves. Put the tile in position and press down. Move a level across the tile to ensure it's flush with the other tiles. Leave to dry overnight. Mix the grout and spread it in all the grooves. Leave to dry then clean with a damp sponge.

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