

Paint Ceramic Tile

Checklist:

- Latex paint
- Stain killing bonding primer
- Rubber gloves
- Pad or random-orbit type power sander
- Goggles
- Box or window fan
- Tile and grout cleaner
- Vacuum
- Soft brush
- Lint-free dust cloth
- Mildew remover
- Paint applicators
- Non-metallic abrasive pad
- Bucket and large sponge
- Dust mask
- Protective clothing
- Drop cloth
- 220-grit aluminum oxide sandpaper

One: Clean tile and grout.

- Use a tile and grout cleaner to remove grease, dirt, and grime.
- If there is mildew, use a product that will kill the mildew and remove stains.
- Use a green scrubber pad to clean with.
- Rinse thoroughly to make sure you remove all traces of detergent and cleaner.



TIP

If grout repairs are required, make sure you do that at least 48 hours before painting so that it will have time to cure.

Two: Sand tile.

- Use 220-grit aluminum oxide paper to remove the gloss without scratching the tile so that the paint will stick to the tile.
 - Use a random-orbit sander for all but the smallest areas.



CAUTION

Wear goggles, a dust mask, a hat, and other protective clothing when sanding.

Three: Remove dust.

- Use a vacuum, brush, and damp lint-free cloth to get rid of all sanding dust.

Four: Apply primer.

- Low-humidity area
 - Use a stain killing bonding primer.
 - Two coats may be necessary.
- High-humidity area
 - Use two-component epoxy primer or paint for extra bonding strength.
 - ◆ This paint requires care and skill to apply.

- ◆ Apply with a brush.

Five: Apply topcoat.

- Apply latex semi-gloss or gloss paint over the prime coat.
- Cut in around windows, ceilings, floor, and corners with a brush or pad applicator.
- Apply paint to the remaining area with a pad.
- Recoat after the drying time specified on the label.
 - Latex primers and paints can take 14 days to cure.
 - Make every effort to avoid contact with the painted tiles for two weeks.

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