

WHAT TILE GROUT SHOULD I USE?

A qualified tile contractor will consider all the important job requirements to aid you in selecting the best grout for your tile project.



The purpose and characteristics of grout:

- Intent – Grout fills the joint between tiles to provide a hygienic and aesthetically-pleasing space.
- Appearance – Grout provides almost endless color design possibilities.
- Hygienic – Grout can offer highly mold- and mildew-resistant options as well as antifungal and antibacterial formulations.
- Maintainability – Grout products can offer extremely stain-resistant and low-maintenance options.

Tile grout does not:

- Eliminate the need for regular cleaning.
- Replace sealant for changes in plane or required movement joints. An approved flexible sealant is required to allow for expansion and contraction.



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Use this general guide to better understand what your professional tile contractor will consider when assisting you in selecting the best grout for your project:

Type	Water Resistant	Uniform Color	Resists Shrinking	No Need to Seal	Resists Staining	Less Water Absorption	Okay for joints<1/8"	Stone Tile	Glass Tile
Standard Unsanded Cement		✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
Standard Sanded Cement		✓	✓					*	*
High Performance Sanded	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	*	✓
A118.3 Epoxy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ready Mixed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Urethane	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

* Refer to tile manufacturer specifications

Remember:

- Always refer to the tile manufacturer’s product-specific installation instructions. Some tiles will require a specific type of grout.
- It’s wise to have your professional installer construct a “mock-up” of your tile with the grout preference to test for suitability and aesthetics.

Your tile installation should last for many decades, and the vast majority do! Your first line of defense against an improper installation is to make sure you have a qualified tile installer on your project.



How to find the right tile installer? See here: <https://bit.ly/3JOH1nA>



Another helpful resource for choosing a certified tile installer: <https://bit.ly/2MeqllD>

Quick search for certified tile installers: <https://bit.ly/3cex8Dg>



Your tile inspiration and education companion: <https://whytile.com>