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How to use the Bondera Tile MatSet tabs.



1. Hold the non-sticky end of the tabs with your fingers.



2. Diagonally position the sticky end of the tab to the corner of the liner.



3. Pull the tab diagonally toward the opposite corner.

TIP: Do not pull the tab straight down as this may cause the liner to tear and make removal difficult. The Bondera tabs can be removed from the film and be reused. Do not remove back liner all at once prior to installing, follow suggested installation instructions.

How to cut Bondera Tile MatSet. There are two methods to cut Bondera Tile MatSet for your applications.



1. Use a utility knife and a straight-edge on a safe cutting surface.



2. Teflon scissors or household scissors.

TIP: Spray a light coat of oil such as cooking spray on the scissors to prevent the adhesive from sticking to the scissors. Wipe off excess oil prior to cutting.

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How to apply Bondera Tile MatSet onto a substrate.



1. Use framing square and level to mark a starting point.



2. Unroll Bondera Tile MatSet and cut to size.



3. Using Bondera tab, diagonally peel back 2 to 3 inches at the corner of the release liner (the non-mesh side).



4. Starting at one corner of the area to be tiled, firmly press exposed corner of Bondera Tile MatSet to the substrate.



5. Steadily pull remaining release liner from underneath the Bondera Tile MatSet and smooth for a wrinkle-free surface.



6. As outlined above, prepare the next section of Bondera Tile MatSet and carefully press the edges tightly together, but do not overlap.

7. Repeat until area is covered. Do not remove the top release liner until you are ready to tile.

TIP: As you remove the release liner, Bondera Tile MatSet can be pressed to the surface using your hand, a grout float, a J-roller, or even a small square (6"x6") of carpet with the fiber face pressed against the Bondera Tile MatSet.

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How to apply Bondera Wet Area Seam Tape.

1. Apply seam tape ONLY when you are ready to tile.



2. Remove top liner of the Bondera Tile MatSet so that the adhesive is exposed.



3. Adhere the Bondera Wet Area Seam Tape to seal the seams.



4. Remove the white paper liner to expose the seam tape adhesive.



5. Apply tile.

TIP: To remove white paper liner, fold the corner about 1/4", just enough to peel back the liner before adhering to the wall.

Pre-folding a 1/4" to 3/8" corner of the seam tape will make it easier to remove the paper liner after installation.



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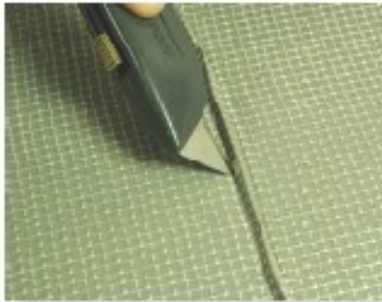
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How to remove a wrinkle.

Wrinkles will rarely occur as long as you follow the application instructions carefully. However, if you do create a wrinkle, don't worry, it can easily be fixed!



1. Press or squeeze the wrinkle together to make it as thin as possible.



2. Use a utility knife to cut around the wrinkle.



3. Pull the wrinkle up removing it from the surface then press cut edges tightly together.



4. Seal or cover the exposed area with Bondera Wet Area Seam Tape.

TIP: Wrinkles can be avoided by cutting manageable sizes of Bondera Tile MatSet, typically no more than the length of your arm, and, by removing the back liner a little at a time as you apply Bondera Tile MatSet to substrate.

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How to install tiles on Bondera Tile MatSet.

When starting a tiling project, plan the layout of tile carefully. Remember to leave adequate space for movement joints at the base and any corners as identified by ANSI A108 tile installation standards.



1a. Using Bondera tab, diagonally peel off front liner (peel only the amount you can tile and grout within the day).



1b. Apply Bondera Wet Area Seam Tape to any seams that are not completely pressed together or to all seams if the application is considered a wet environment.



2. Support the bottom row of tile with molding, tub edge, countertop, metal strip, tile spacer or similar edge.



3. Place first and second row of tile lightly in place. You can still remove and reposition the tile. When tile is squarely in place and you are satisfied with the layout, press each tile firmly for 5 seconds to bond the tile in place.

(For additional information, please refer to section about repositioning tile.)



Removable Spacers



Leave in Spacers

4. If not using self-spacing tiles, place 1/8" minimum tile spacer at top corners of tiles to ensure the following row of tiles is square and evenly spaced. Continue tile and spacer placement to cover the entire area.

5. Leave tile spacers in place until you are ready to grout. Apply grout within 8 hours.



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How to remove or reposition Bondera Tile MatSet.

Bondera Tile MatSet's unique adhesive allows tile to be re-positioned prior to grouting.

To remove tile that has been firmly pressed in place:



1. Protect the adjacent tile by covering it with a flat sturdy object such as a thin piece of wood (for example a wooden paint stirrer).



2. Gently pry a putty knife under the tile you want to remove and apply slow even pressure.



3. Once the tile has been elevated grab the tile with your fingers and *gently* pull the tile free. The Bondera Tile MatSet adhesive is still active and will re-bond to the tile.

Tip: Do not twist and turn the tile while on the Bondera Tile MatSet as it will return to its original position.

How to fix two overlapped pieces of Bondera Tile MatSet.



Abut Bondera Tile MatSet and install each piece as close together as possible. If an overlap occurs simply cut it out with a utility knife and apply Bondera Wet Area Seam Tape over that area.

How to manage varying tile thicknesses with Bondera Tile MatSet.



When using tiles of varying thickness, simply layer strips of Bondera Tile MatSet (a maximum of two layers) on top of each other to bring the thinner tiles level with thicker tiles.



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How to ensure a water-tight application.

- Install 4" Bondera Detail Tape in all interior corners.
- Install Bondera Tile MatSet for Walls according to application instructions.
- Overlap the tub flange with Bondera Tile MatSet.
- Apply Bondera Wet Area Seam Tape to all seams prior to installing tile.

How to install Bondera Tile MatSet on Interior Walls.

1. Cut a section of 4" Detail Tape.
2. Turn detail tape to expose non-mesh side.
3. Lightly cut the back liner in the center with a utility knife.
4. Peel one side of the back liner.
5. Grasp Bondera Tile MatSet by the ends, fold in half. Lightly place non-mesh side into interior corner.
6. Press Detail Tape into corner with putty knife and press onto substrate.
7. Remove remaining half of back liner and repeat Step 6.

How to use Bondera Tile MatSet for Walls for a prefabricated bathroom niche.

There are several recommendations:

1. Install prefabricated niche before applying Bondera Tile MatSet on the walls.
2. Apply leveling compound around edges of pre-fabricated niche to minimize height difference between niche and substrate.
3. Apply Bondera Tile MatSet according to the application instructions for wall applications.



* photos provided as visual reference.



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How to use Bondera Tile MatSet for Walls for a custom-built bathroom niche.

1. For a custom built niche make sure to build the bottom shelf at an angle (min. 1/8" difference in height from back to front) towards the tub or shower drain to properly eliminate ponding of water in the niche.

Tip: If the bottom shelf was built level, it is recommended to apply several strips (1/3 to 1/2 the width of the shelf) of Bondera Tile MatSet at back of the bottom shelf of the niche to elevate the back of the tile to properly drain water into the tub or shower drain. Apply a construction adhesive/silicone to fill in the gap under the tile between the back and front of the shelf.

2. It is required to install seam tape at all the seams for an interior wet environment.

3. For tiles applied to the "ceiling" of the bathroom niche apply a construction adhesive uniformly on the underside of the tile and then apply to Bondera Tile MatSet.

How to apply Bondera Tile MatSet for Walls.

Bondera Tile MatSet will adhere to existing tile but several precautions need to be considered.

- Existing wall should be structurally sound. Tile and grout must be clean and mold free.
- Damage to existing tiles and grout must be repaired.
- Surfaces must be smooth and flat. This may require patching or leveling of grout joints.
- Inspect existing substrate to properly evaluate its ability to handle the added weight of another set of tiles.

