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How To Replace Broken Floor Tiles

You want to lay floor tile. First things first. Check Recipe 48 on Removing Asphalt Tile with Cracked Ice, and then you'll be ready to begin work here. We'd like to entertain you as you work with an introduction on the ins and outs of the job, but actually there's not much to say about it.

Utensils

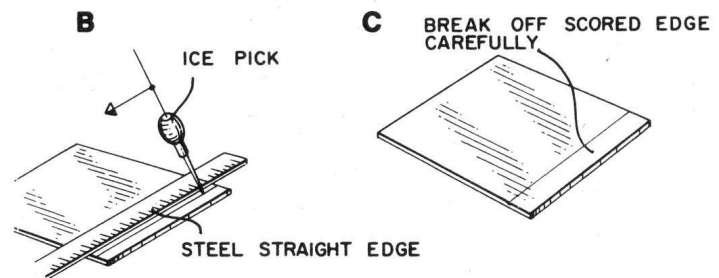
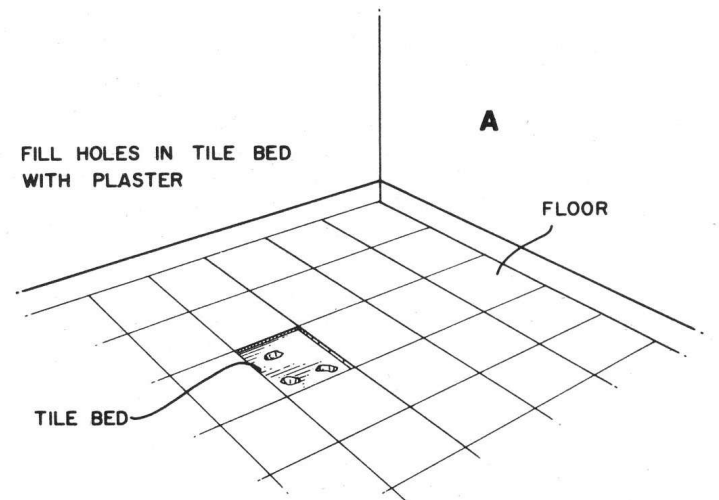
Small putty knife
Steel straight edge
Ice pick
Serrated spreading trowel

Ingredients

Plaster of paris
1 quart of floor-tile mastic
Matching floor tiles
Clean cloth
Mastic solvent

Approximate Time: 5 Minutes Per Tile (Minimum Time 30 Minutes)

1. Clean work area thoroughly.
2. If there are holes in tile bed, they can be filled with plaster of paris mixture and smoothed flush with floor surface (Fig. 49A).
3. Lay tiles into place, without mastic at this time.
4. If tiles are too large for the space, mark excess on the face of the tile.
5. Using straight edge and ice pick, score the portion to be eliminated deeply three times (Fig. 49B).
6. Break off scored edge carefully (Fig. 49C).
7. Lay in tiles once again. If they fit, the worst is over.
8. Removing one tile at a time, spread a smooth coat of mastic on the rear of each tile with putty knife and replace in position (Fig. 49D).
9. Repeat with all additional tiles.
10. Remove excess mastic from tile face with clean cloth and solvent.
11. Clean tile face thoroughly and the job is done.



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ELIMINATED DEEPLY THREE TIMES

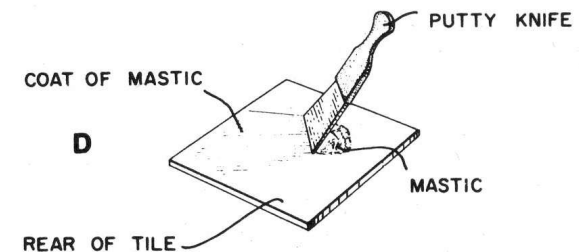


Figure 49.
Laying New Floor Tile