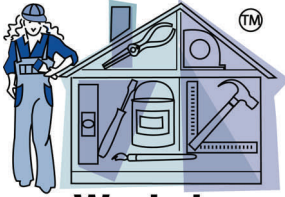


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"Become Your Own Handywoman"

Special Offers!

Plumbing 101

Thursday Feb 7th
6 pm - 9 pm

Only \$60

Please call 303-284-6354 or email us to register and receive the special pricing. [Email Judy](#)

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You've taken the classes but you're still feeling like it would be nice to have someone there to help you get started. Judy is available at an hourly rate. Just call 303-284-6354 or [email](#) to discuss your project.

Check This Out!

Free Tiling Classes

World of Tile
4747 S Sante Fe Drive
Denver, CO 80110

www.worldoftile.net

Classes are scheduled
Saturdays 8:00 AM

Ask for Chris Callari
303-781-8902

My husband and I attended one of the classes and we were very impressed with Chris's knowledge and ability to teach. We learned all we needed to know to tackle our own tiling project.

If you take the class, please email me your feedback

Workshop News

"Becoming Your Own Handywoman"

Do's & Don'ts of Tiling Tubs & Showers

Laying out your tiling job before starting is the KEY to a perfect tile job. Follow these few simple tips and when you're done, you'll be glad you did.

This information was excerpted from the Feb 2008 issue of "The Family Handyman" and from notes I took at a tiling class offered at World of Tile (see info on left column of this newsletter)

DO mock up and measure a row of tile on the floor to determine the layout. Be sure to use the spacers in between tiles before you measure. Make adjustments to get wider tiles in corners.

DON'T leave a skinny strip of tile in the corners.

DO treat each of the 3 walls separately.

DO draw level (horizontal) and plumb (vertical) lines on the walls to guide you during installation.

DO adjust your vertical layout (center of the back wall of the tub) to leave the wid-

est possible, same sized, tiles at each corner.

DO locate the starting level (horizontal) line above the tub surface a distance equal to the height of one tile minus 3/4".

DON'T start the first row of tile by resting it on the tub or shower. This will cause problems keeping your tiles lined up since most tubs and showers surfaces are not level.

DO screw a straight board to the level line and start tiling by stacking tiles on the board.

DO tile above the board then remove the board and cut the tiles for the first row. Leave 1/8" gap between the top of the tub and the first row of tile to allow for caulking.

DON'T stop tiles even with the end of the tub on the side walls. This leaves the wall on outside of the tub vulnerable to water damage.

DO plan the tile layout so a column of tile extends past the end of the tub at least 2 or 3 inches.

DON'T tile directly onto drywall for tub and shower walls. Replace drywall with "FiberRock" or concrete backer board.

Other Hints:

- Pre mixed tile adhesive should be used for walls only.
- Keep tile clean as you go, don't let mortar dry on the face of the tile.
- Clean up if you will be off the job for more than 30 minutes.
- Wear gloves when applying grout.
- Use only a damp sponge when cleaning tiles after grouting. Grout does NOT like too much water.
- Wait at least 12 hours after laying tile to begin grouting.
- Fill your tub with water before caulking,
- Use the experts at your local tile shop to answer questions and give advice.

Do-It-Yourself Denver, Meet-up Group

Anyone interested in doing their own home improvement, maintenance and repair projects is welcome.

Join us and meet other like minded people, share project ideas, get advice or just have fun. We will have a speaker each month with plenty of time for socializing and sharing project ideas.

This is a new group and we will make changes to the format as we grow.

Day: 2nd Tues of the month
Time: 6 pm
Place: Workshop for Women

Our February meeting is already full but we have plenty of room in our March meeting, meeting Tuesday March 11th @ 6 p.m.

To register as a member of the group and to RSVP for our meetings go to:

www.meetup.com

and search for

"Do It Yourself Denver"

or

[CLICK HERE](#)