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Asbestos Tile

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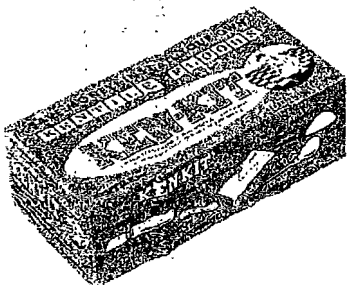


It's simple and economical
to install your own

• **KENTILE®** asphalt tile

or

• **KENTILE®** vinyl asbestos tile



KEN-KIT contains all the tools
you need: AWL • CHALK
CHALK LINE (string)
NOTCHED TROWEL
GROUT KNIFE

It's easier with

KENTILE FLOORS

Read directions carefully before start

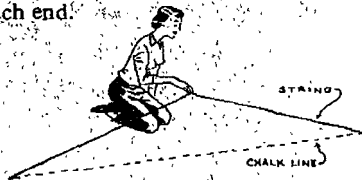
MEASURE YOUR ROOM

find the center of your room like this:



1. Measure from wall to wall along each end of room. Use a steel tape or six foot expansion ruler. Measure only from principal walls. Disregard alcoves, offsets and other breaks.

2. Drive a nail into center of floor at each end.

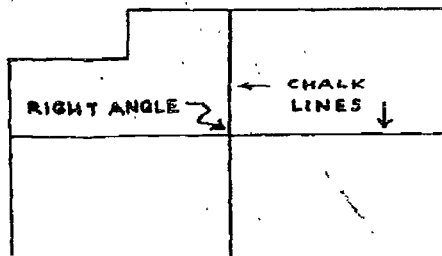
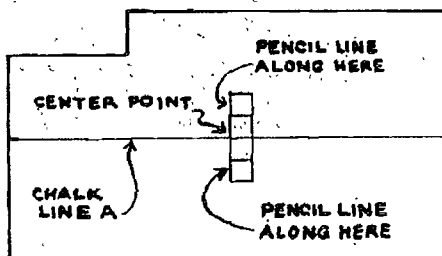


3. Rub a string with chalk. Stretch it from nail to nail tightly. Pull the string up and let it snap back on floor . . . to mark chalk line "A".

4. Find the center of this chalk line and, at this center, start making a chalk line at right angles to the first chalk line, in this manner:

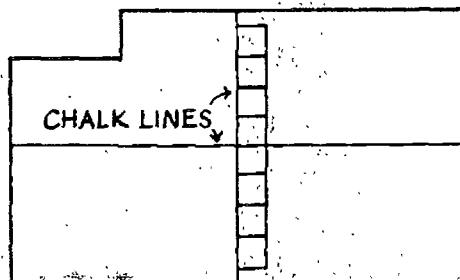
Lay two tiles on each side of the line, and draw a pencil line along one side of the end tiles as indicated. Tiles should be absolutely straight with the center chalk line to give you a perfect right angle.

Remove the tiles and snap a chalk line over these two pencil lines all the way across the room. This second line should cross line A at the center point, forming a right angle. This is important.

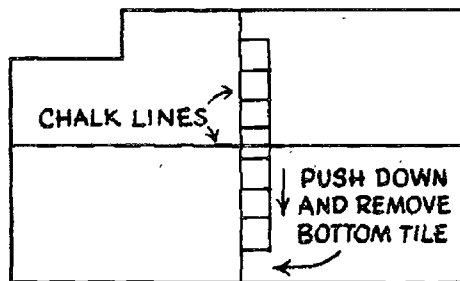


PLAN FOR THE BORDER

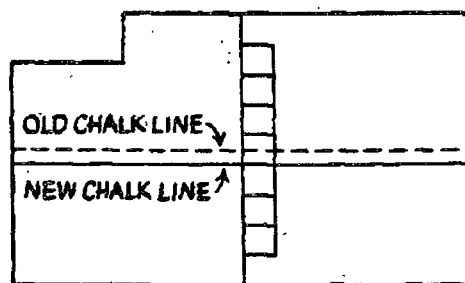
the border should be at least half a tile wide ($4\frac{1}{2}$ ") and may be as wide as a full tile (9"). Here's how to determine the border width:



1. Working out from the intersection of your chalk lines, lay a row of uncemented tiles along the chalk line across the room to each wall. If the space left for the border along the side wall is less than half a tile in width, proceed as follows:



2. If the space left for border is less than half a tile in width, move the entire row of tiles over a half tile and remove one tile from the other end. The chalk line will cross the middle tile exactly through its center.

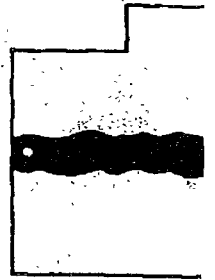


3. Now, one of the tiles is covering the chalk line. To correct this, move your line by moving the nails over a half a tile ($4\frac{1}{2}$ ") and resnap your chalk line.

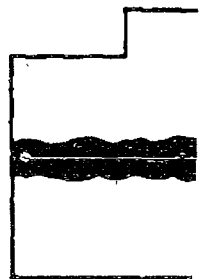
4. Repeat the above procedure exactly for the other width of the room.

SPREAD THE

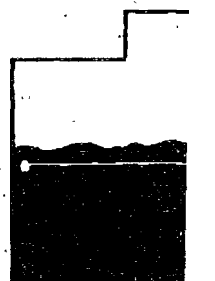
For Kentile Vinyl of the trowel with tile Asphalt Tile with the larger no



1. Spread adhesive leaving end . . . Do not spread . . . spread adhesive coming the trowel to be assured by the trowel.



2. After adhesive snap the chalk



3. Then, spread half of the ro

4. Before laying adhesive to dry out may take for pending on tile and your location it with you off on your first start laying your adhesive can be necessary before

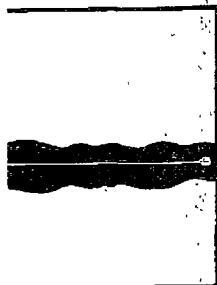
Fig. - also see instructions on back page

RESISTIVE

Use Tile use the side notches. For Kern-side of the trowel



both chalk lines or points uncovered. adhesive too thick, allowing only the h the notches of the floor. This can own firmly on the



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ive over just one

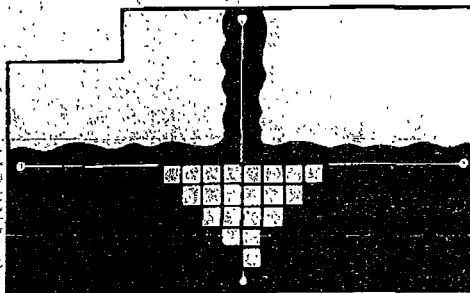
wait for the adhesive to become "tacky." This is 4 hours depending on atmospheric conditions. Press it down when it does not come off. It should be dried enough to Don't Rush! The tile will set over overnight if you leave the tile!

LAY THE TILE

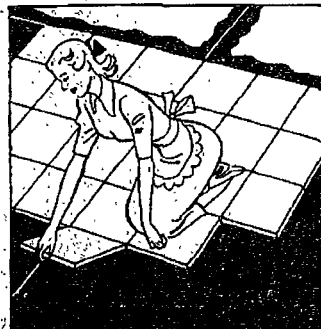
Follow these rules carefully for best results:

Start from the center and work both ways along the guide lines, being careful to keep the tiles on the line and make the corners meet exactly.

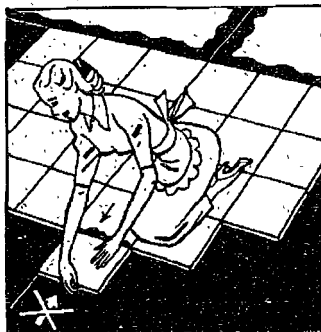
Pyramid the following rows of tile, always working out from the center to the walls, as shown.



1. Place each tile firmly against the tile you have already laid in position.



2. Lower each tile carefully into adhesive. Do not slide tile into position. If you do the adhesive will ooze up between the tiles as illustrated below.



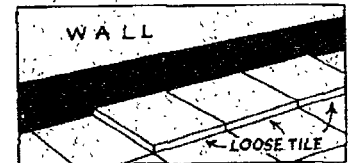
If adhesive gets on the face of the tile, remove with wet cloth dipped in scouring powder... rinse with clear, clean water.

CUT IN THE BORDER

Since no wall is completely straight, the last row (the border) must be tailored to fit:

Follow these steps to fit and cut border tiles against the wall:

1. Place loose tile over last row of installed tile.



2. On top of these loose tiles, place another tile flush against the wall. (A thin piece of wood laid on the adhesive will keep tile clean while you are measuring.)

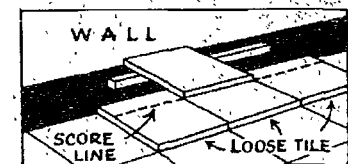


Illustration shows how tiles are fitted to the wall as described in Nos. 2 and 3.

3. Using the topmost tile as a guide, score a deep line with a sharp awl or ice-pick on the underneath tile... all the way across.

4. Snap off on line, starting at one end... never in the center.

5. Trim off uneven end with sandpaper.

6. To fit tiles around door jambs, irregular shapes, etc., use the same method as used to fit border against wall. Move the top tile along so that you mark each irregularity of the jamb on the tile below. In this way, you will actually draw a pattern of the door jamb on the tile to be cut. Heat the tile over a hot plate, or in the oven, and it can easily be cut with a sharp knife.

Don't install tile directly under the legs of radiators. Cut a hole where leg will go through. Cut tile from hole to the edge and, while tile is still warm and pliable, press tile into position.

