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How To Replace Bathroom Tiles Set In Cement

A ceramic tile bathroom is a much coveted thing in these days of prefabricated construction materials. Still, time and humidity in a bathroom can loosen the best tiles and create unsightly holes in the wall. And if moisture comes, can mildew be far behind?

Utensils

Putty Knife, 1" 1/2 inch blade
Cold chisel, 1/2" inch blade
Small hammer
Straight 2 by 3, 3' to 4' feet long
Box of round toothpicks

Ingredients

New tiles if necessary
Few tubes of bathroom silicone tile adhesive
Dry or ready-mix grout

Approximate Time: 30 Minutes

1. Remove all loose tiles with putty knife or cold chisel (Fig. 51A).
2. Check all tiles by tapping gently with hammer handle. If loose, remove. Remember-tap gently.
3. Clean tiles thoroughly with putty knife or chisel.
4. Check old tile beds for loose or uneven cement. Remove all loose material and chisel down any protrusions.
5. Spread silicone adhesive on the back of each tile you removed, as shown in Figure 51B.
6. Press tiles into position.
7. Place the 2 by 3 over replaced tiles and tap gently with hammer until newly replaced tiles are flush with old ones.
8. Place toothpicks into tile joints as shown in Figure 51C. This will insure even spacing of joints.
9. Permit to dry overnight.
10. Remove toothpicks.
11. RegROUT as directed in Recipe 50 on RegROUTing Tiles.

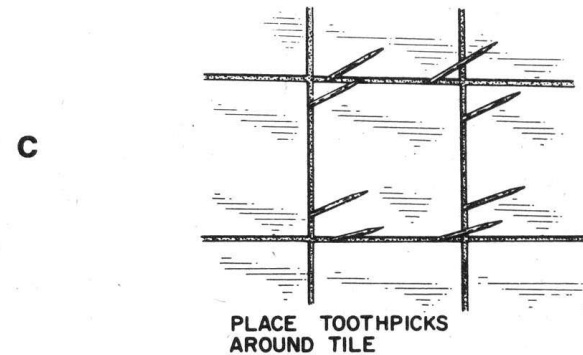
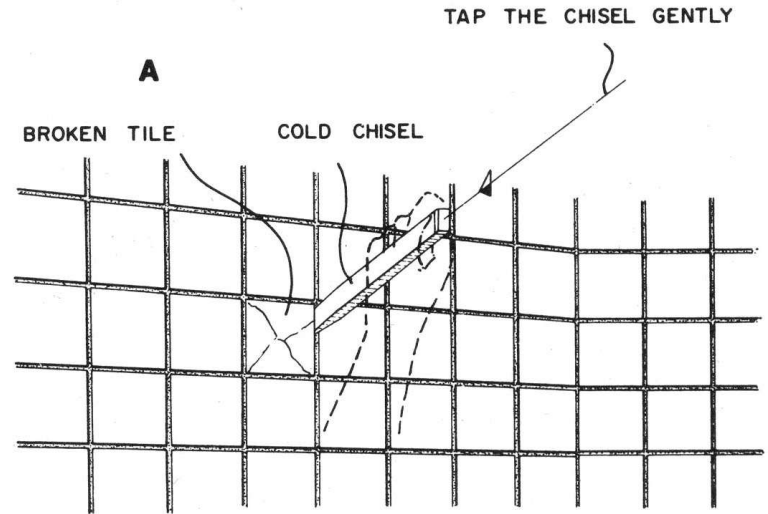


Figure 51.
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