

THE BATHROOM TILE DECISION GUIDE

Cover old tiles? Check first.

A clearer choice before you buy or break anything.



AI illustration. Look at the whole room, not only the tile colour.

CHECK / COMPARE / DECIDE

Two worked examples, a height check and useful site notes for your Gandhinagar bathroom.

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A new surface.

A sound base?

A nice finish cannot answer what is happening below it.

1. IS THE OLD LAYER FIRMLY FIXED?

Loose, cracked or raised tiles need a closer check. Ask the tiler to mark weak areas and explain why they failed.

2. IS THE WATER PROBLEM SETTLED?

Damp outside the room or a leak tried before? Ask for the cause, repair and test plan. New grout is not proof that hidden work is sound.

3. DOES THE NEW LAYER FIT?

Check door swing, the step, fittings and the route to the drain. The tile and fixing layer both add height.

Unknown is not the same as passed. Record who will check each question before you order.

When covering may make sense.

Example A: a style update, not a known leak repair.

What the family knows

They want a fresh look and have not seen leaks. The old tiles still need a site check.

What the team must show

A suitable base, a checked water-protection plan, room for the new height and a drain that will still work.

THE CHOICE IS CONDITIONAL

If those checks support it, ask for a tile-on-tile work list. Include cleaning, any primer, the named adhesive, fittings and final checks.

Why it may help

Less removal can mean less waste. Preparation and cutting still happen. Agree the actual time first.

Illustrative example only. No site inspection, price or guarantee is implied.

A leak first.

Tiles later.

Example B: damp walls and loose tiles by the drain.

Pause the surface-only order

Ask the right specialist to find the cause. The wet patch may not show the leak point.

ASK FOR THE FULL REPAIR PLAN

What must open up? What gets repaired? Who tests and records the result before new finishes hide it?

Compare after that check

The job may need tile removal, base repairs, drain or pipe work and new waterproofing. Ask which parts apply and why.

Avoid the false saving

A new top layer does not answer a hidden-water problem. Decide the repair before the finish.

ARDEX cautions against tile-on-tile when wet-area waterproofing is in doubt. Source link on page 8.

Check the door. Follow the drain.

Ask the team to show the finished level before tiles are bought.



AI illustration. A sample is not the full finished build-up.

Add the whole build-up

Ask for the thickness of the new tile, fixing and other planned layers together.

Check more than the door gap

Check the step, fittings, drain cover and slope towards the drain.
Write the checked height on your site notes.

Door / step / drain change needed:

Do not trim a door or raise a drain based only on this guide. The whole room needs a checked plan.

Choose the tile.

Check the system.

Bring the room checks to the shop, not only a colour photo.



AI illustration. The tile, fixing and drain must suit one plan.

One clear product list

Record the tile type and size, adhesive product, primer if needed, and the surface below. Ask the team to confirm that the maker allows this use.

A SHOP QUESTION YOU CAN USE

We are checking a bathroom tile-over-tile plan. Which current product instructions should our team review for this tile and base?

A shop sample or a bag label is not approval of the old floor. Keep the site decision with the team. Confirm stock before you plan delivery.

Compare the work. Then the price.

Use one set of notes with each team. Keep unknowns visible.

Old tile condition / leak history / check still needed:

Finished height / door and drain checks:

Cover-over option: repairs, fitting and tests included:

Removal option: base, pipes, waste and tests included:

BEFORE YOU SAY YES

Who checks the base and waterproofing? Who checks height and drainage? What is extra? When may the bathroom be used again?

In a society flat, agree access, work hours and waste arrangements. Rules differ by building. Keep photos and the written work list.

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Roff: surface and adhesive choices

ARDEX ENDURA: base, height and wall checks

ARDEX: a caution about unknown waterproofing

Gota tile-shopping example: Shyam Granite & Tiles

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