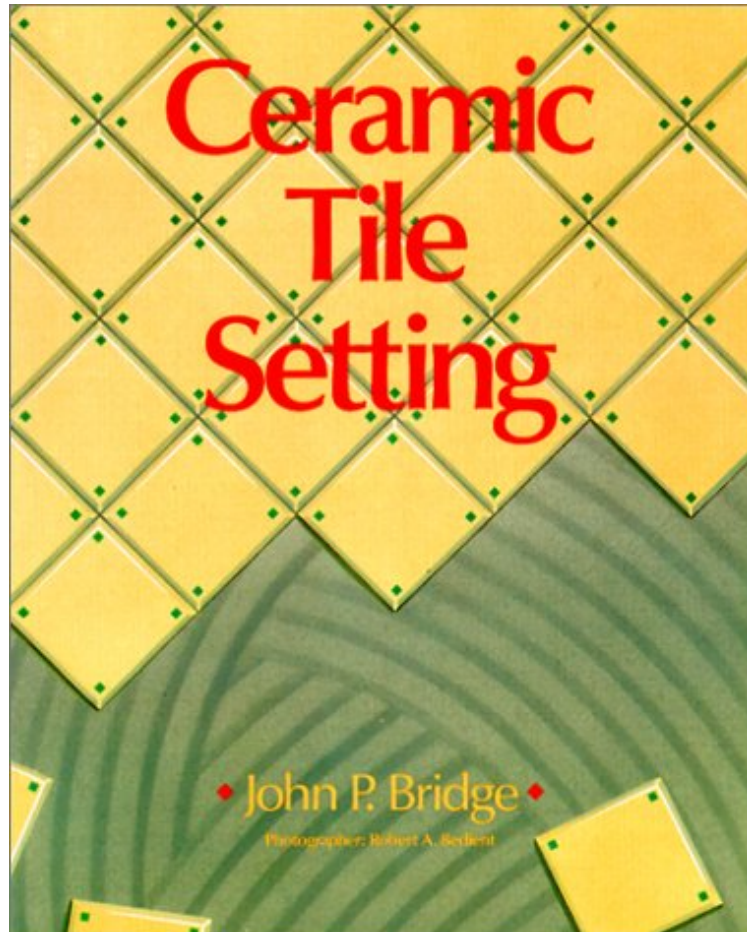


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John P. Bridge : Ceramic Tile Setting before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Ceramic Tile Setting:

48 of 49 people found the following review helpful. Confidence BuilderBy Randall BlackI just finished tiling a bathroom floor using this book as my guide. Written clearly, concisely, and with humor, Bridge's book gave me the confidence to complete a beautiful job. Because I laid the tile in a diagonal layout, I would have liked more on how to cut tile at a weird angle but I got around that using cardboard templates. Also, some photos make it out as though you can start laying tile and cut on the fly (while the thinset is wet). Don't do this! Do a dry layout with every tile cut and in place (something Bridge actually recommends in the text). Heed his words on layout lines; don't count on spacers to determine where to lay tile (although they come in handy for holding tiles from gliding into one another). Also, be very careful about keeping tiles level with one another as you lay them. I found the look of the floor much more sensitive to relative elevation than careful gapping (at a distance the grout lines look much bigger or smaller when tiles are even 1/32 of an inch out of level). The author says to use mud instead of backerboard, and my use of that

contributed to my battle to keep things on the level (and may have been almost as much work!). Because of his professional experience, I think Bridge makes tile setting sound a little *too* easy. It's very hard work, along with being quite unforgiving when your every mistake is literally set in concrete. A helper is a must, not only to speed things up, but also for moral support and someone to blame things on! I know it sounds as though I made a lot of mistakes, but really the floor looks beautiful. And it may sound as though my comments are criticisms, but I owe this likeable author a debt of gratitude. He gave me the confidence to start and keep going. Don't worry about the age of the book and materials being outdated-I found that a good tile supply store can tell you exactly which bags of thinset and grout to use. It's not rocket science, and even though the chemicals may have improved a little over the years, the technique is what really counts and Bridge is a master of both tile and writing. In fact, as I read and re-read the book, I found myself saying, "For being a professional tile contractor this guy is an amazing writer!"

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great Overview of Tiling FundamentalsBy Jeffrey DixonThis book covers all of the tiling basics: floors, countertops, walls, etc. Written for the novice, this book was helpful at communicating all of the necessary steps for a successful tiling project in a layout that was easy to understand. The author has had many years experience doing tiling projects himself, so I felt comfortable with all of his suggestions and advice. My only complaint is that some of the areas of the book might be a bit dated. I believe that there may be some newer materials and techniques that are not mentioned in the book. Nevertheless, it was a great introduction to tiling fundamentals.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great BookBy K. RodriguezThe book arrived ahead of time and is as expected. A very good guide for the tiling job that I am starting and the book will be one of my references.

Given the high prices that contractors charge for ceramic tile jobs, many homeowners would undoubtedly consider installing it themselves, if they had the proper guidance. Also in the last ten to fifteen years, tile used in new homes is often glued to nothing more than plasterboard. The life expectancy of this type of installation is generally less than two or three years, which means that homeowners must pay to have the tile torn out and redone-an expensive proposition. Now, John P. Bridge comes to the rescue, providing do-it-yourselfers with all of the information they need to complete ceramic tile projects with long lasting, professional results. Bridge begins with a brief discussion of the tools of the trade, materials required, and various types of masonry tile. Readers will then find easy-to-follow instructions for installing floors, tub surrounds, walls, and counter tops. Bridge takes readers step-by-step through the entire process, from surface preparation, layout, and design to setting the tile, grouting, and finishing

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