

# DIY HOW TO GROUT GUIDE



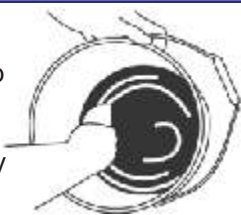
**DUNLOP COLOURED GROUT** is a supersmooth, flexible coloured grout for ceramic wall and floor tiles. It offers a smooth finish and is available in a wide range of colours. **DUNLOP COLOURED GROUT** can be used in tile joints between 1mm and 5mm wide.

## 1. PREPARE YOUR JOINTS

Remove any spacers and ensure all joints are clean and raked free of excess adhesive. With porous bodied tiles, dampen the joints with water before grouting to avoid inadequate hydration of the cement based grout. Do not grout until the tiling has set firmly.

## 2. MIXING

Mix grout in bucket to a smooth, lump free (toothpaste) consistency as per instructions on the grout packaging. The mixed grout should not be sloppy and free flowing.



## 3. WORK THE GROUT INTO THE JOINTS

- Work grout diagonally into the joints using a rubber squeegee or grout float. Grout small areas at a time.

- Compact the grout firmly into the joints, minimising the amount left on the tile surface.

- Allow grout to firm up in the joint i.e. the grout joint is no longer wet/glossy.



## 4. CLEAN UP

Remove excess grout from the surface of the tiles with a damp, small-pored sponge working diagonally across the joint. Rinse the sponge frequently in clean water. Use a minimum amount of water when cleaning the tile surface and smoothing the joints so as to minimise water float shade variation, efflorescence and shrinkage.



## 5. POLISH

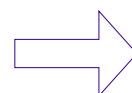
When **DUNLOP® COLOURED GROUT** has sufficiently hardened in the tile joints, polish the tile surface with a clean dry cloth.



## IMPORTANT POINTS!

- In warm conditions, keep the joints damp with clean water after hardening begins to ensure correct hydration/curing.
- In exterior conditions it is essential to provide protection from all extremes of climate during the whole fixing and grouting operations and for as long as possible afterwards.
- It is advisable to check ease of cleaning with tiles that have a textured or matt surface.

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# DIY GROUTING TIPS



For best results when grouting, mix grout with Dunlop Primer and Additive by replacing half of the water content in the grout mixing process. When grouting over timber floors, use Dunlop Primer & Additive undiluted. This enhances the strength and flexibility of the grout.



Use a Coloured Silicone that matches your Coloured Grout in joints subject to excessive movement such as bath edges, kitchen bench tops and internal vertical/horizontal corners in showers.



When grouting porous tiles, dampen the surface of the joints with a damp cloth or fine mist of water. This prevents moisture loss to the tiles from the grout which would otherwise cause weak (soft and powdery) grout.

Not all large sized tiles are exactly square. As with terracotta, it's a good idea to leave a larger grout joint to help hide any size discrepancies.

To help make grout joints easier to maintain and clean, seal the joints with Dunlop Grout Sealer.



When using a silicone joint sealant, push the cartridge ahead instead of dragging. This makes sure you get adequate silicone into the joint.



DUNLOP® COLOURED GROUT contains Microban anti-fungal protection. Its protective qualities are ideal for high humidity areas such as bathrooms and shower stalls. And as the Microban is built into the molecular structure of the grout it won't wash off or wear away and will continue giving protection throughout the lifetime of the grout.

