

Question: I am re-doing my bathroom and want to put ceramic tiles on the floor. What do I need to do to prepare the floor for the tiles?

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**Answer:** After all previous flooring has been removed, I would recommend that you put down 5/8 to 3/4 inch plywood over your existing flooring so that you have a total of at least 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 inch of plywood to which to install your tiles. This second layer of plywood will need to be screwed down every 6 inches in the field and every 3 inches along the edges and seams. This should be installed using proper flooring screws which are specifically designed for this purpose. You may at this point want to install in-floor heating under the ceramic tiles. Everyone likes a warm floor. Good luck.

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