

The story of my bathroom project in Burgundy

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23rd June 2013 at 04:58

#774313



chris-le-
bricoleur

Participant

Joined: 03 Dec 2010

Location: NL and 52

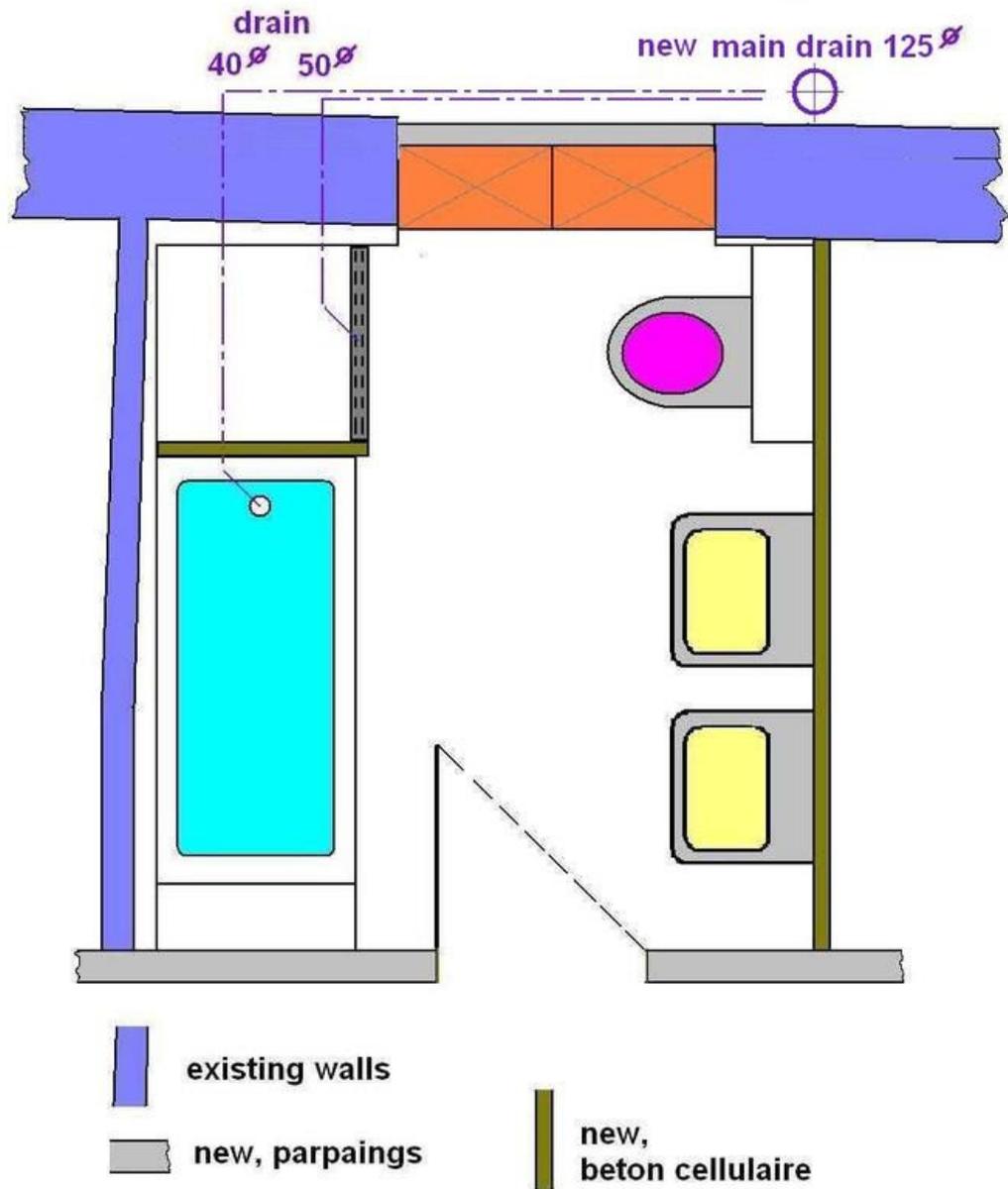
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The room was not really a room. It was part of an immense couloir, with an exit to the adjacent barn. The ceiling was not complete, there was an opening from a former staircase. I put in a beam to close the ceiling.





We made a plan.



This is the fifth drawing I made. We wanted a full size bathtub, a shower (douche à l'italienne), two sinks and a WC. The WC should, of course, be placed with the shortest possible connection to a new sewer which I had planned in the adjacent barn. My first action was to remove the existing floorboards and to lay Lewis boards as a basis for a thin concrete floor.



I succeeded in making the floor not much higher than the original one. This was 32mm pine. The ondulated board is 17mm, plus 8mm concrete, plus 10mm tiles+glue -> 35mm.

Then I placed the metal stud system for the plasterboards.
I placed this ossature exactly square in a non-square room, see my drawing.



The drains:



I had already planned separate drains for the bathtub and the shower to avoid the effect of communicating vessels. On the other side of the bathroom I laid the drains for the WC and the two sinks, and also the connections for a visitors bathroom (shower cabin, you see its tray provisionally placed, toilet and sink) which was the next project. With the floor laid I could install my plumbing. Here you see the connections for the bathtub (left) and the shower (right), all copper.



I tiled the floor with 33x33cm grey tiles, the walls with 20x20cm off-white tiles.



On the right side of the future shower you can see the white slab belonging to the line drain (this is placed under the tiles and up the wall) and the black sealing strip, also placed under the tiles; the portion you can see will then be placed between the green plasterboard and the wall tiling. Around the linear shower drain you'll notice a somewhat strange tiling pattern. This is because I placed uncut tiles behind the linear drain – the strange small fill-in pieces will be hidden by the shower separation wall planned at the left side of the drain. For shower floors an inclination of 0,5 -1% towards the drain is recommended, for my 90x100cm shower I've chosen 7mm, 0,7% thus. The next time I would opt for 1% .

With the floor tiling completed I could start the wall tiling.





I left an area of 4 tiles wide and 4 tiles high untiled and placed the wood-and-plasterboard understructure for my recessed shelf, to comply exactly with the tile pattern.

Here the backside of the bathroom is almost completely tiled, with the exception of the former door niche (where I had placed a window):



And I've also tiled the opposite wall, the separation from the visitors shower, built with *beton cellulaire*, where toilet and sinks will be placed. The 3 tiles high and 8 tiles wide area which is left untiled is for a made-to-measure mirror glued to the cellbeton wall.



And now the shower separation! I built it from *blocs de beton cellulaire*, 25x60x7cm — other possibilities would have been glass bricks or a hardened glass screen. Every second layer of the blocks is connected to the rear wall by spring anchors.



I then tiled the wall on both sides, for the front side I took plastic edge profiles and cut-to-measure tiles.



This is how it looks now, with a simple plastic curtain on a telescopic rail which is replaced every two years:



On the opposite wall I could now place the toilet.





I installed the mounting frame, anchored it to the wall, made the flush and drain connections, covered it with plasterboard and then tiled it; here I also used edge

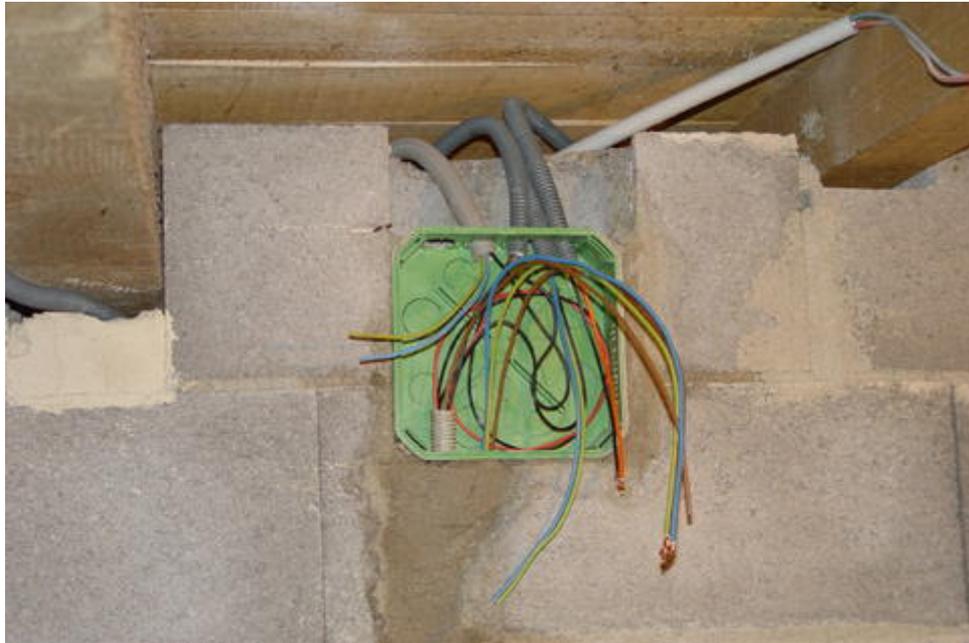
profiles. You get a big choice of profiles, plastic or metal, from Schlüter Systems.:





Electric instalation:





I've connected all electrics in an 175x175mm boite de derivation which I placed outside the bathroom: ceiling spots, mirrorside lighting, extractor fan, sockets for razor and toothbrushes, the wall-mounted hairdryer.

I've placed a plastic bathtub. I built the surrounds from *beton cellulaire* on a recessed plinth, so you have some place for your feet when standing at the bathtub!





We're happy with the ensemble.







Comments and questions welcome!

Then I built the adjacent visitors bathroom.



Toilet and sink placed, and now also the shower cabin.



Extractor fan (hardly visible on the pics) in line with the ceiling spots, close to WC and shower, switched with the lights and equipped with a timer..

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23rd June 2013 at 05:15

#1169012



chris-le-
bricoleur

Addendum:

Some hints for tiling in an irregular room can be found here.

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23rd June 2013 at 05:35

#1169013



Ally

10/10 from me. And that's just for your explanation and description. The actual project is ev

#sexysocialism Never enter a battle of wits unarmed.

Blocked

Joined: 14 Nov 2004
Location: 23 36 87
Total posts: 4587

23rd June 2013 at 09:28

#1169014

riquet

Hear hear ! Well done, a lovely piece of advanced DIY.

Participant

Joined: 15 Sep 2010
Location: North
 Tyneside & East 82
 (not there often
 enough)
Total posts: 2420

23rd June 2013 at 12:18

#1169015



Sylvia

It looks fantastic! What an achievement!

Freelance journalist. Life's a pitch.

Participant

Joined: 04 Jul 2004
Location: Where
 Champagne spills into
 Burgundy
Total posts: 1026

23rd June 2013 at 18:05

#1169016

amdobing

Thoughtful planning and attention to detail. I've done the shelf recess idea, set in timber stu
 found it fiddly tiling (angling the shelves slightly to shed water) and finishing but useful shelvi
 like your impressive drainage system, 'Lewis' floor idea, the plinth under the bath and the b
 cellulaire shower separator. Thanks for sharing. Anne-Marie

Participant

Joined: 18 Feb 2008
Location: London/Champniers-
 Reilhac, Northern
 Dordogne
Total posts: 144

23rd June 2013 at 18:15

#1169017

sledgehamme
 r85

Sensational, well done. What is a couloir please and when is the bathroom warming party?

Sledge.

Participant

Joined: 08 Oct 2012
Location: Dept 85,
 Vendée.
Total posts: 1295

Remember, you can't stop the waves, but you can learn to surf.

23rd June 2013 at 18:20

#1169018

whynot

It looks fantastic. Wish we could have found professionals here to come close to that sort of
Well done!

*Participant***Joined:** 09 Feb 2006**Location:** 24

Dordogne

Total posts: 1997

23rd June 2013 at 18:23

#1169019

Chanceux

Very good, I like the idea of setting back the bath plinth and it matches well with the other p
room.

*Participant***Joined:** 17 Mar 2010**Location:** Picardie**Total posts:** 13130

Never seen it done before but it looks so right, I wonder why I have never thought that all th
wrong as they now will!!!

23rd June 2013 at 19:28

#1169020

**chris-le-
bricoleur***Participant***Joined:** 03 Dec 2010**Location:** NL and 52**Total posts:** 1381**@sledgehammer85 wrote:**

Sensational, well done. What is a couloir please and when is the bathroom warming pa

A *domestic* couloir is a more or less square corridor, giving access to typically four or more r
The bathroom warming party took place eight years ago, with champagne, Marc de Bourgo
virgins 😊

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23rd June 2013 at 20:18

#1169021

**chris-le-
bricoleur***Participant***Joined:** 03 Dec 2010**Location:** NL and 52**Total posts:** 1381**Grout or caulk?**

I was asked this in a PM, but it may be of general interest.

At places where walls and/or floor meet I prefer to seal tile joints elastically rather than with
particularly necessary where walls or floors made from different base materials meet each o
materials have different expansion coefficients, they will therefore behave differently under
moisture changes.

This is generally accepted in the trade.

Caulk is certainly prone to mould attack, but I find this a minor risk compared with the chanc
attack if a grout joint cracks.

In my bathroom I've used:



- 1 = white grout, 3mm joints
- 2 = grey grout, 5mm joints
- 3 = white silicone
- 4 = grey silicone

This photograph was taken to-day; the bathroom is 8 years old. No leaks, no mould. What can happen if you don't observe these simple rules can be seen here:



The walls are bricks, a downpipe in the corner was covered with plaster board, and the white grout joints. After three months the left joint cracked.

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23rd June 2013 at 21:02

#1169022

@chancer wrote:



chris-le-bricoleur

Participant

Joined: 03 Dec 2010
Location: NL and 52
Total posts: 1381

*I like the idea of setting back the bath plinth and it matches well with the other plinths in
Never seen it done before but it looks so right!!*

Chancer,

I saw this 25 years ago in a chalet in Switzerland where we were skiing. It looked so simple practical, that I kept the idea in my mind until I had to build a bathroom myself. Certain things are so simple.

Christian - bricoleur par passion, pas par nécessité <http://www.klussen-in-frankrijk.eu/>

23rd June 2013 at 22:22

#1169023

toutterrain

10 out of 10 looking at your work and your comments I will in future bow to your superior kn unless its a fosse lol)

Participant

Joined: 20 Jan 2006
Location: Roumazieres, Charente
Total posts: 703

Anthony

“Never argue with an idiot. They will only bring you down to their level and beat you experience.”

23rd June 2013 at 22:39

#1169024

exuserc2

Looks good Chris and attention to detail is excellent. I have to admit you must be one of the I've ever seen – I wish I was as organised and tidy doing DIY.

Participant

Joined: 11 Feb 2012
Location: West Sussex and 17.
Total posts: 3561

23rd June 2013 at 22:50

#1169025

bentley

Thanks for the detailed photos and explanations of the job Chris.

Blocked

Joined: 04 May 2008
Location: Central Brittany
Total posts: 3730

Excellent work and heartening to know it is still all working fine some years later without any As I get closer to starting the downstairs installation and also the upstairs bathroom bit I will various questions regarding the right French names for stuff.

I notice you have used copper piping, have you any aversion to the plastic (in gain stuff) or using what you had and what you know? I ask as I am intending to run (already have in sor plastic pipe in various sizes from my distribution manifold (by the thermal store) to sinks shc

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24th June 2013 at 05:57

#1169026



chris-le-bricoleur

Participant

Joined: 03 Dec 2010
Location: NL and 52
Total posts: 1381

Bentley,
I don't have any aversions against plastic piping. But since all the other plumbing in house, repair/extend, was in copper, I had the tools for and the experience with this material. If I would have to do a completely new water system in a house I would use plastic piping. I know that plastic piping requires bigger bending radii (is this the correct plural of radius?) the which can sometimes lead to difficulties.

Good luck with your water system; you start from scratch i.e. the distribution manifolds, *les n* have to replace my *nourrices* since I connected everything provisionally to the existing hom distributors (soldered from T-pieces and short length of 14mm copper pipe), and with leaking valves.

Christian - bricoleur par passion, pas par nécessité <http://www.klussen-in-frankrijk.eu/>

24th June 2013 at 12:18

#1169027

Slawit
Moonraker

Participant

Joined: 21 Jul 2011
Location: 16
Total posts: 1844

Sorry to be negative, you have fitted a "Suspend" toilet, to my eyes it look like a old boxed i why didn't you continue the back of the toilet to the ceiling, imho it looks better as a flush fin ceiling than a box, also have you thought about any problems that may go wrong with it, yo pull the whole box to bits. I have just put one in our garage and have left the back accessib problems, the two that will be fitted in the house will also be accessible from the rear along showers, as for tight bends in PER you put in a 90 degree elbow, same as in copper, a bit n though. I will post some pics later this week. 8) Nos

24th June 2013 at 13:16

#1169028



Hal

Participant

Joined: 06 Jan 2011
Location: Limoux,
11300 Aude.
Total posts: 3793

@nosibora wrote:

have you thought about any problems that may go wrong with it, you will have to pull th to bits. s

If you go back quite some, this comment came up with the consensus that everything 'coult through the small hole for the flush. In fact a lovely comment, I think from Chancer, that afte problems are sorted, one becomes so adept that it is possible to 'wallpaper through a letter

Agree with you that suspendu loos look better on a flat wall, top to bottom and side to side. the room is small, a ledge above the cistern is useful for storage, especially where women, man, are concerned with the copious amounts of bottled liquids that accompany them.

Kind regards Hal <http://www.domainedurenne.com>

24th June 2013 at 13:29

#1169029

Slawit
Moonraker

Participant

Joined: 21 Jul 2011
Location: 16
Total posts: 1844

While I assume the manufacturer of these type of loos will have taken everything into accou satisfied that the inside workings can be extracted through the "Letter box" helpful if you are its the other bits that worry me, hence my idea to leave the rears of showers and toilet acce case, over cautious, too long in medical profession I guess. 8) Nos

24th June 2013 at 13:55

#1169030

Tricia

Participant

Joined: 20 Jul 2003
Location: SW Gers
Total posts: 6477

It's a lovely bathroom Chris, I specially like the lighting.
 As with Nos, sorry to be negative, but the only fault I would find is the ventilation – I know your ventilator but I like a window in a bathroom/toilet, for the condensation, and the smells.

Tricia

24th June 2013 at 14:17

#1169031

Chanceux

Participant

Joined: 17 Mar 2010
Location: Picardie
Total posts: 13130

I like toilet suspendu's, I have 4 soon to be 5, like anything cheap and mass produced these have all had their share of problems.

For me it depends what type of person that you are, if you take back things that dont work can't able to buy replacement parts in the future, then perhaps they are not for you, but that problem of any new WC even a name brand one.

If you are prepared to take things to bits, modify and/or bricoler things to make them work then fettling they are probably as good as anything else, one I have only needed the float/seal at twice, the first time I wasn't 100% successful, two others needed some surgery to even work without the faceplates falling apart everytime they were pressed, modified now but the truth when they have to suffer the abuses of paying guests, can't be any worse than having a large to magnify the force.

To date all the repairs have been affected through the letterbox, they all have an isolating valve the mechanisms can be removed and replaced with some dexterity.

I too make a floor to ceiling enclosure with the top half being an armoire with shelves and two doors.

24th June 2013 at 20:25

#1169032

bentley

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Joined: 04 May 2008
Location: Central Brittany
Total posts: 3730

Aye Aye Chris-I-b, Thanks for the clarification (he says letting out a sigh of relief)
 I am all geared up to go plastic although the feeds/takes from the wood burners will be copied plastic where they go under concrete) and the feed/take from the solar is some sort of special insulated stuff.

The rest is all plastic and as I understand it I will need to buy a special crimper to do the end connections to taps and toilets and manifolds or the u bends will go.

I may just be a tad lazy and run all the pipes to where they have to go and get someone in with experience to connect up, which I admit isn't in the true spirit of DIY but may actually save leaks, and therefore money.

Although I think your toilets looks fine and dandy and there are merits to all the ideas mentioned cupboard, or a shelf above, or just flush with the wall, I am not a fan of the suspended toilet used to work in A&E and they bought in a bloke where one had been faulty and broke when The injuries as described by her at breakfast put me off, not only breakfast but suspended toilet

Only dead fish go with the flow

24th June 2013 at 20:38

#1169033



chris-le-
bricoleur

Nos,
 in my opinion you're not negative, just critical!
 I've also thought of the 'box up to heaven', but my wife and the daughters wanted the maximum space for their beauty utensils (why do women need 33 bottles each of make-up and de-makeup). Another thought was to extend the 'box' over the whole width of the room, i.e. hanging the sink on the box. Rejected because this would limit the space between the sinks and the bathtub.
 You see, it's always a compromise. Other people opt for other compromises.

Participant

Joined: 03 Dec 2010
Location: NL and 52
Total posts: 1381

Accessibility of the cistern components:

There is really a big difference between the cheapo's and the better toilets. I have chosen the expensive brand 'Geberit' and have tested the accessibility of components in their showroo operating panel (not just a letterbox) and you have free access to the inlet valve and the flu mechanism; both can easily be exchanged. According to them the biggest problem is in sec where all water is drained in winter to prevent frost damage: the seal of the flushing pipe can become porous. But again, this is easily exchanged, just remove the toilet bowl and replace So, you'll understand, I don't see any problems (and did not have any in the last eight years

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24th June 2013 at 20:51

#1169034



chris-le-bricoleur

Participant

Joined: 03 Dec 2010
Location: NL and 52
Total posts: 1381

Bentley,

<>

Nobody in our family is heavier than 75kg (can't translate that into stones). 😊

Calling in someone with the proper crimping tools is a good idea. DIY does not mean that y everything yourselves, sometimes it's organizing things yourself. As long as you are the bo the plans!

Have done the same with my walk-in shower in the Netherlands; called in a friend who had tools and experience with composite tubing.

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24th June 2013 at 21:01

#1169035



chris-le-bricoleur

Participant

Joined: 03 Dec 2010
Location: NL and 52
Total posts: 1381

@tricia wrote:

... the only fault I would find is the ventilation – I know you've put in a ventilator but I like in a bathroom/toilet, for the condensation, and the smells.

Tricia,

I do agree. Therefore I have installed an extractor fan and a window! Look at my pics. The v a barn which is very drafty. Be sure, we regularly open this window!

By the way, when a bathroom is placed somewhere inside a building with no possibility for a the architect is forced to think about ventilation, since he has no window as excuse. And re good ventilation you always need two openings, air entry and air outlet!

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24th June 2013 at 22:28

#1169036

riquet

Participant

Joined: 15 Sep 2010
Location: North Tyneside & East 82 (not there often enough)
Total posts: 2420

@bentley wrote:

*....I will be asking various questions regarding the right French names for stuff. **Glad to anytime***

I ask as I am intending to run (already have in some areas) the plastic pipe in various s distribution manifold (by the thermal store) to sinks showers bath etc.

Bentley, will it be "Multi-couche" for which you need a crimping tool or "PER" for which you tool (to slide the retaining ring over the joint to seal it). The latter tool is much cheaper to bu

24th June 2013 at 23:17

#1169037

bentley

Aha Riquet, there is a question to whihc I have no answer until I get back home. I have vari and blue) plastic pipe in gain 12, 16 and 20mm. That's all I know but I am hazarding a gues PER as I remember hearing or reading that somewhere during the process so far.

Blocked

Joined: 04 May 2008
Location: Central Brittany
Total posts: 3730

Once I can remember what I need I will be back on to ask for the proper names of the more basic stuff)

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25th June 2013 at 08:46

#1169038

Tricia

re window – I see it now, with a curtain, near the toilet.

Participant

Joined: 20 Jul 2003
Location: SW Gers
Total posts: 6477

Tricia

25th June 2013 at 09:06

#1169039

exuserc2

@chris-le-bricoleur wrote:

Participant

Joined: 11 Feb 2012
Location: West Sussex and 17.
Total posts: 3561

.....I've also thought of the 'box up to heaven', but my wife and the wanted the maxim storage space for their beauty utensils (why do women need 33 bc make-up and de-makeup?).....

+1 😊it's exactly the same here and in the UK.....what the hell do that 'stuff' they always look the same afterwards anyway.....waste of time and money...

25th June 2013 at 09:10

#1169040



le-dolly

Participant

Joined: 16 Nov 2009
Location: La Souterraine-23 Depuis sept 2005
Total posts: 1230

@bentley wrote:

Aha Riquet, there is a question to whihc I have no answer until I get back home. I have sized red and blue) plastic pipe in gain 12, 16 and 20mm. That's all I know but I am haz guess and saying its PER as I remember hearing or reading that somewhere during the far.

Once I can remember what I need I will be back on to ask for the proper names of the r technical (and basic stuff)

Bentley, if it is Red & Blue pipe then it is indeed PER, if it is White then it is Multicouche. 'Cr available for both types of tube, or indeed a dual crimper is available which will cover both t 130€. That said 'auto' toolless fittings are also available.

Le-Dolly (.)(.) <http://www.pink-electrique.fr>

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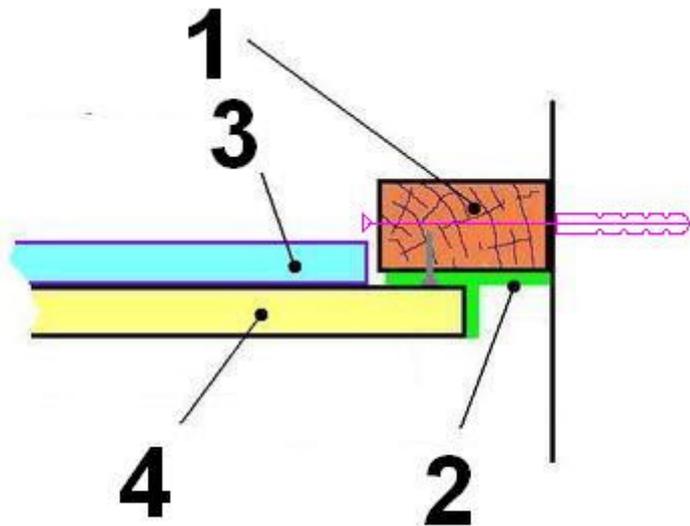
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| 27th June 2013 at 08:17 | #1169041 |
|  | <p>And now the ceiling of my bathroom</p> <p>Knowing about the difficulties of different materials touching each other (differences in coeff expansion due to temperature and moisture) I decided that my ceiling should not touch the new bathroom. I applied what is called in other languages a 'shadow seam'. Haven't found expression in British or US-American literature. See here what it looks like:</p> |
| <p><i>Participant</i></p> <p>Joined: 03 Dec 2010 Location: NL and 52 Total posts: 1381</p> |  |
| | <p>I installed the typical hangers-and-rail construction described a.o. here: see pics 6 – 9.</p> |



Above the rails, between the joists, there's enough space for cables and other installations (heating, ventilation ducts). In my project I used this space for electricity only, the exhaust tube goes directly through the ceiling into the loft.

Since this was the first time I applied the technique of a hanging ceiling not touching the wall unnecessarily complicated way. Here I describe how I would do it now, with the lessons I learned from this way and it worked perfectly.



Screw (or nail) a batten (1) of typically 30x40mm against the wall, around the total perimeter. Screw an Aluminium T-profile (2) of typically 15x15mm against this batten. Lay the rails of the system (3) at exactly the height of the T profile. Screw the plasterboard against this profile, known techniques, as shown here, pictures 10 – 15.

In my bathroom I only installed lightweight spots, see pic 19. For heavier lamps I would always use the proper *tige filetée* taking the weight, pic 21 and 22.

If you have beams you want to keep in sight you can use one of the solutions I have applied in the rooms of our house.

Again, the text is Dutch/Flemish, but the language of the pictures is international.

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27th June 2013 at 09:38

#1169042



chris-le-bricoleur

Participant

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Location: NL and 52
Total posts: 1381

In my last post the last-but-one alinea should have read:

In my bathroom I only installed lightweight spots, **see here pic 19**. For heavier lamps always use a DCL with the proper tige filetée taking the weight, pic 21 and 22.

Had forgotten the link. Excuses.

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27th June 2013 at 17:55

#1169043

mikej

Participant

Joined: 21 Jun 2011
Location: Dordogne sometimes and Kent the rest
Total posts: 5287

Chris

In UK Architectural terms it is known as a "Shadow Gap" detail.

Mike

WFIPFL

12th March 2014 at 00:03

#1169011



tomdenne

Participant

Joined: 29 Oct 2008
Location: 58 La Nièvre
Total posts: 4459

😊 What a wonderful thread for someone like me who is just about to start to renovate a bathroom. You Chris and hearty congratulations. Particularly like your shadow gap ceiling and also the tiles placed unusually high. White tiles are great but they can look a bit clinical. The high red list solves this and doesn't get broken by having to avoid doors, windows, fixtures etc. A great job!

Tom

Tom

12th March 2014 at 07:11

#1169010



chris-le-bricoleur

Participant

Joined: 03 Dec 2010
Location: NL and 52
Total posts: 1381

Tom,

about the white base colour.

My (and my wife's) principle is:

Keep everything that cannot be changed easily a bit neutral. Variation comes through accessories, curtains, and all the other stuff you expose in a bathroom.

But that is **our** choice. If you like decorated tiles, or tiles in vivid colours – go ahead, it's **you** and **your** bathroom!

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12th March 2014 at 08:17

#1169009



tomdenne

Participant

Joined: 29 Oct 2008
 Location: 58 La Nièvre
 Total posts: 4459

If you like decorated tiles, or tiles in vivid colours – go ahead, it's your choice and your bath

☺ Not at all Chris! Sometimes I feel the taste in our house is a bit too neutral. That's why I your red listel.

Tom

Tom

12th March 2014 at 09:20

#1169007



chris-le-bricoleur

Participant

Joined: 03 Dec 2010
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 Total posts: 1381

☺ Two persons, one opinion. =D>

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12th March 2014 at 09:24

#1169008

alittlebitfrench

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Joined: 06 Aug 2013
 Location: France
 Total posts: 2468

Chris.

Why did you secure the beton cellulaire (i love beton cellulaire) with a braket to the wall ?

I have seen it done with carreaux de platre but not BC.

12th March 2014 at 10:44

#1169006



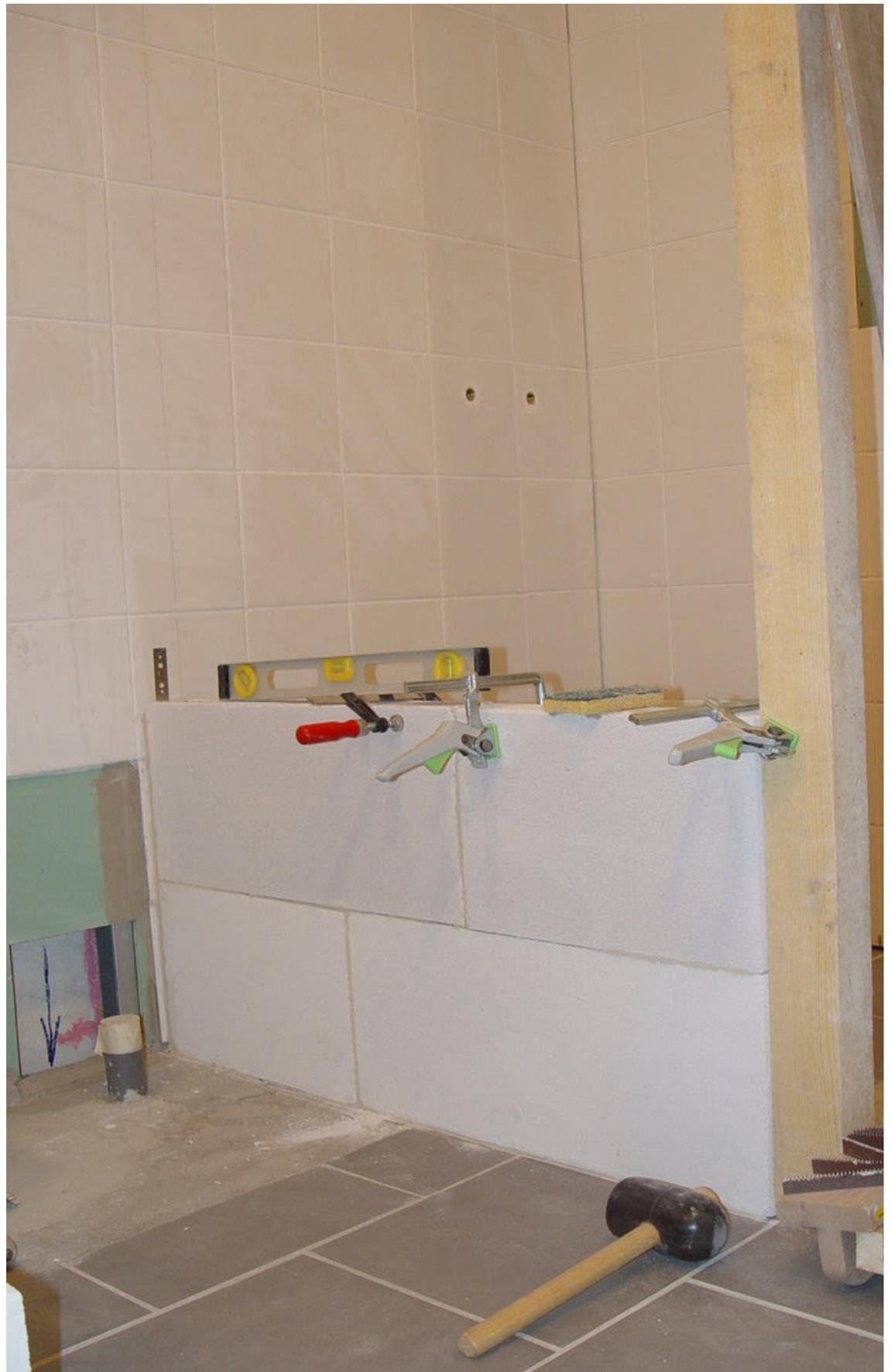
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Participant

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 Location: NL and 52
 Total posts: 1381

ALBF,

just to be sure that the joint is solid I placed brackets at every second layer. The wall (left in which I anchored the shower separation wall (*beton cellulaire*) was a metal stud wal cover plasterboard and tiled. This material and BetCell have different coefficients of expansion; th a solid joint. Furthermore: how strong is the adhesion of *colle pour béton cellulaire* on tiles?





I've seen too many combinations of different materials which failed after some months or years:



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12th March 2014 at 11:06

#1169005

alittlebitfrench

I missed that in the photo , i.e, that is was being glued to the carrelage.

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I have built walls 'on' carrelage (using the colle BC) and never had any problems. But I thin and very clever to do that.

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A trick I have learnt with BC. Most times after building a wall or whatever, I enduit BC, then building and keeping a wall straight in BC is really hard. One side tends to give.

Now I just build a wall in 5cm BC, and mortar plasterboard to it. That allows me to straighten later a good surface to screw thing into it. It also sound like a proper wall and not like a stud

12th March 2014 at 11:20

#1169004

Char

Just to say – I've made this a sticky to make it easier for people to find. 😊

Keymaster

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12th March 2014 at 11:34

#1169003



chris-le-
bricoleur

Good trick, ALBF, your method of building with BC.
See here my hints for BetCell. Please also take a look in the links mentioned there.

@char: Thanks for the honour.

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23rd March 2014 at 17:15

#1169002

bentley

Aye Aye Chris fine looking job as I have already said, can I ask, what for some may be an c question, but why have you started the tiles one or two courses up from the floor?

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I am just getting ready to tile bathroom floor (floor first) and then the shower room and bathi wondered if there were any special tips and why the gap at the start of the process to the fl

Joined: 04 May 2008

Location: Central
Brittany
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Cheers
Bentley

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23rd March 2014 at 18:10

#1169000

riquet

Isn't it where his bath is going ??

Participant

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enough)
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23rd March 2014 at 18:17

#1169001



chris-le-
bricoleur

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Bentley,

This is something I have learnt from a professional tiler (or how do you call a professional w tiles??).

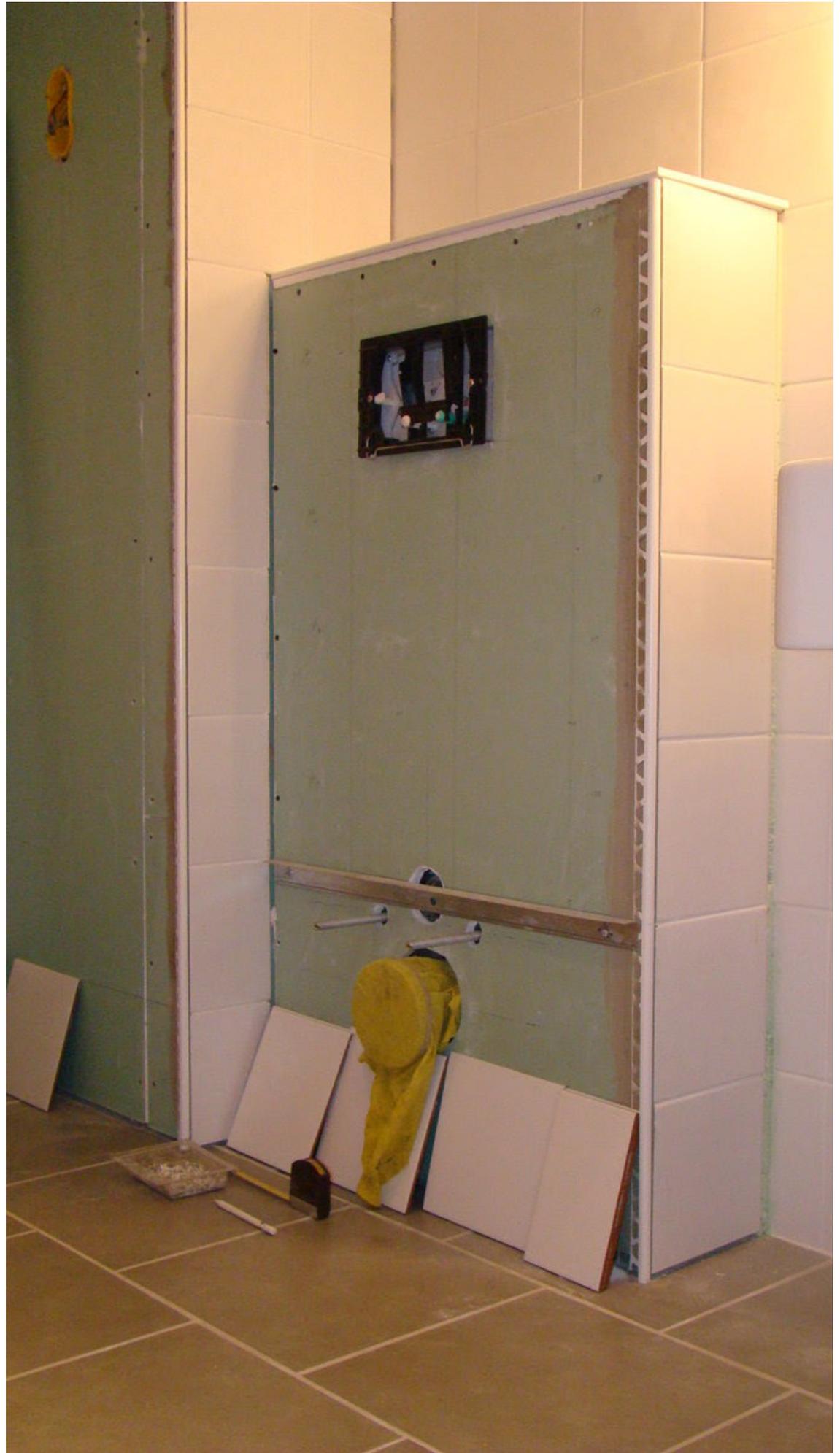
The first course always has an uneven gap to the floor if this has a certain inclination gradient has to be filled with caulk rather than grout. How do you achieve a completely horizontal first floor which is not perfectly level, even if you use tiling crosses or plastic wedges? You would correctly align the upper edge of these tiles.



It is therefore easier to start with the second course. I place this on a ceiling profile which I s completely level to the plasterboard. Any other profile or a batten would also be OK, as long

adjust it when screwing. From there on I can place my tiles with constant gaps using long le crosses. <http://www.protilertools.co.uk/tiler-tool/30/tiling-spacers>
Then I remove the rail and place the first course. I push the tiles up against the correctly laid course, using tiler's crosses for the upper gap and wedges on the lower side.
In one case I've started two courses from the floor; that was on the frontside of the WC-box because this was the first 'complete' course, I had to cut big holes in the lower ones around

connections.







When the floor has an extreme gradient, e.g. in a *douche à l'Italienne*, then it may be necessary to have the lowest tile course accordingly in order to avoid a caulked joint which runs from nothing to 5mm. A terrible job.

Bentley, success with your bathroom and shower!

The ceiling profile I use can be seen here on pic.35 (the one along the beam).

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| | 23rd March 2014 at 19:09 | #1168999 |
| alittlebitfrench | That is the top tip of the day, week, and month. | |
| <i>Blocked</i> | I like your tiles too. Plain white is beautiful. | |
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| | 23rd March 2014 at 19:39 | #1168998 |



chris-le-bricoleur

Participant

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@alittlebitfrench wrote:

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23rd March 2014 at 20:21

#1168997

alittlebitfrench

@chris-le-bricoleur wrote:

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I totally agree.

24th March 2014 at 07:31

#1168996

bentley

Cheers for that explanation Chris.

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I am putting the floor tiles in first and then the wall tiles. I am laying the floor tiles onto a twir marine play (so total thickness of 36mm) this is on joists at about 25mm centers so should I two biots oif ply have waterproof coating between the levels, silicon bonded joints, screwed centers and an acrylic sealer on the top to help the tile glue bond.

I dont have any special joints at the bottom join, just a recommended flexible tile grout.

One part of the wall tiles (in the shower room) is joining to a bespoke made quartz stone sh x 1100 x 50) and the rest are to the floor tiles.

You have said to use caulk for the lower joint and not grout?? have I understood this correc mouldy? I was intending to use a top of the range silicon for the bottom most joint.

Cheers
Bentley

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24th March 2014 at 08:51

#1168995

alittlebitfrench

I would use a flexible grout for the bottom joint and then put a clear/translucide silicone joint

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#1168994



chris-le-bricoleur

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Bentley,
I've said this previously: [@chris-le-bricoleur wrote:](#)

Grout or caulk?

At places where walls and/or floor meet I prefer to seal tile joints elastically rather than grout. This is particularly necessary where walls or floors made from different base materials meet. The materials have different expansion coefficients, they will therefore behave differently under temperature or moisture changes.

This is generally accepted in the trade.

Caulk is certainly prone to mould attack, but I find this a minor risk compared with the risk of moisture attack if a grout joint cracks.

In my bathroom I've used:



1 = white grout, 3mm joints

2 = grey grout, 5mm joints

3 = white silicone

4 = grey silicone

This photograph was taken to-day; the bathroom is 8 years old. No leaks, no mould.

ALBF, sounds good, but I have not yet heard of flexible grout. Can you name a brand or give

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24th March 2014 at 09:41

#1168993

alittlebitfrench

<http://www.weber.fr/pose-du-carrelage/gammes-produits/les-joints-de-carrelage/weberjoint->

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I think its that ?

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You are right though it will probably crack. I would just fill the void with grout then apply the only reason I would do that is that it will make applying the silicone easier and neater. Even you will not see it. Its just a double layer of protection.

Interesting point, if you have built your shower in BC, water will never penetrate it anyway. I much it will upset the glue either.

24th March 2014 at 12:12

#1168992



chris-le-bricoleur

Participant

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Something just came up in my mind.

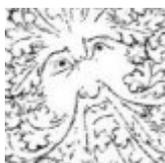
I had seen a joint between wall and floor filled with 'flexible' grout. When it cacked it was c layer of transparent silicone. The cracks were still visible. Not very esthetic.

And my wife just asked me: Didn't you put a base layer of grout into the joint before you app silicone? And yes I did. Tile cement just from the plasterboard base to the backside ot the ti thickness of the *colle* layer, then silicone over the thickness of the tiles.

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24th March 2014 at 12:28

#1168991



chris-le-bricoleur

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@bentley wrote:

... I am laying the floor tiles onto a twin bed of 18mm marine ply (so total thickness of is on joists at about 25mm centers so should be solid and the two biots of ply have wat coating between the levels, silicon bonded joints, screwed at 80mm centers ...

That's exactly what I did in my former house in the seventies. The walls were in brick. That occasion when I discussed the story of different expansion coëfficients of the two types of n tiler – and we decided to apply a silicone gap filler between wall and floor tiling.

The renovation method I used for that floor can be seen here, pic.1+2.

By the way, at that occasion I had the tile layout scheme done by a colleague using a comp drawing program, quite new at that time, look for that approach at this menu point.

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24th March 2014 at 13:53

#1168990



mysty2

Participant

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#1168989

alittlebitfrench

@mysty2 wrote:

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Your tiling is exceptional but you will get fed up hearing that 😊 the flushing system that fitted, what happens when or if it goes faulty. In a bog standard bog you have easy access you get in if it stops working? #-o

The button that flushes the loo is also a trap 🙄

Use your Brain Mysty

24th March 2014 at 14:54

#1168988

mikej

According to the blurb on most of these cantilever loos, all maintenance can be carried out push button access plate hole.

Participant

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sometimes and Kent
the rest
Total posts: 5287

Mike

WFIPFL

24th March 2014 at 16:51

#1168987



chris-le-bricoleur

Participant

Joined: 03 Dec 2010
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Total posts: 1381

mysty2,

I've answered this in an earlier post @chris-le-bricoleur wrote:

Accessibility of the cistern components:

There is really a big difference between the cheapo's and the better toilets. I have chosen relatively expensive brand 'Geberit' and have tested the accessibility of components in showroom. Remove the operating panel (not just a letterbox) and you have free access valve and the flushing mechanism; both can easily be exchanged.

Thus no problem for me.

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25th March 2014 at 07:19

#1168986

bentley

Cheers for that Chris, I do like the belt and braces approach and I have an aversion top pot must be the sailor in me 🙄 (oh hang on! that sounds a bit iffy 😊)

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25th March 2014 at 08:52

#1168985

icey

@alittlebitfrench wrote:

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Got to find it first 😊

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| <p>25th March 2014 at 10:54</p>  <p>chris-le-bricoleur</p> <p>Participant</p> <p>Joined: 03 Dec 2010 Location: NL and 52 Total posts: 1381</p> | <p>#1168983</p> <p>Chancer, I have spares of all roofing-, floor- and wall tiles. When in France I'll take a photograph of my spares magazine in one corner of the barn. Also cellulaire.</p> <p>Christian - bricoleur par passion, pas par nécessité http://www.klussen-in-frankrijk.eu/</p> |