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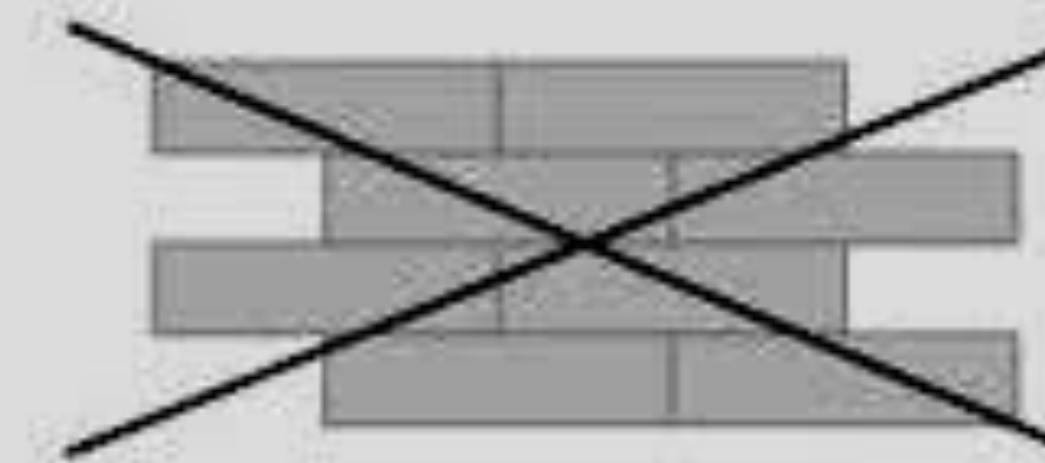
# How to Install/Set Plank Tile

# HOW TO INSTALL PLANK TILE





**NO 50%**



**YES 15%**



## RECOMMENDED INSTALLATION PATTERNS BELOW



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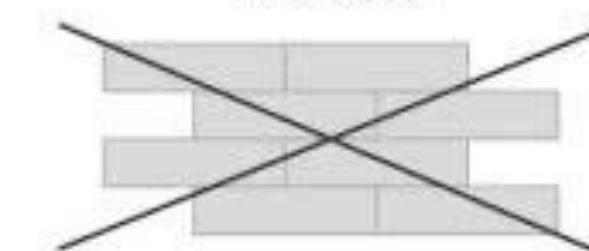


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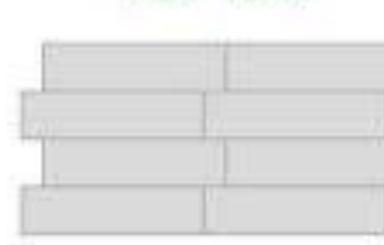
### IMPORTANT

1/2 Broken joint not recommended. The overlap should not exceed 33% when installing rectangular sizes in a staggered brick-joint pattern.

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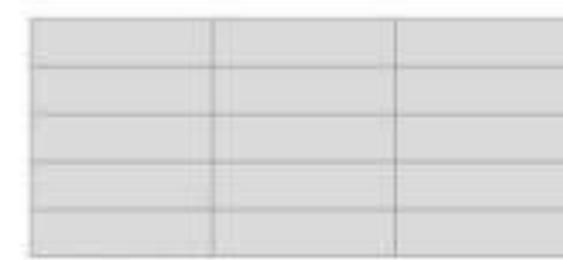
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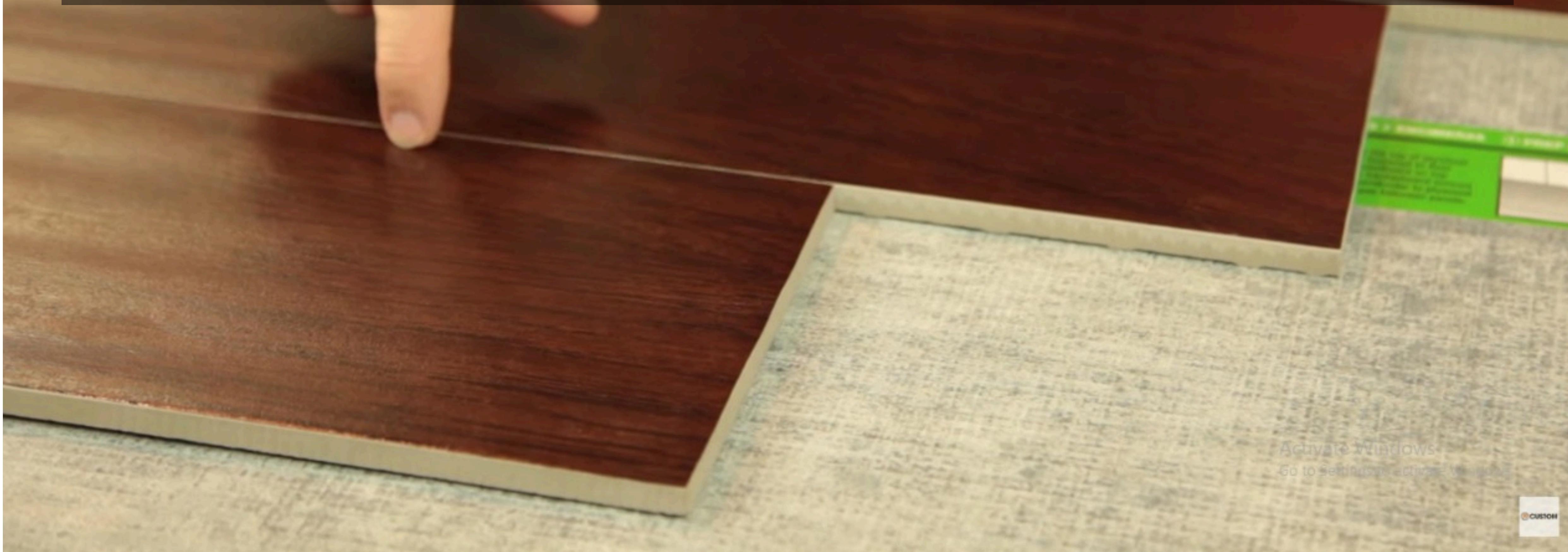
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Straight Lay

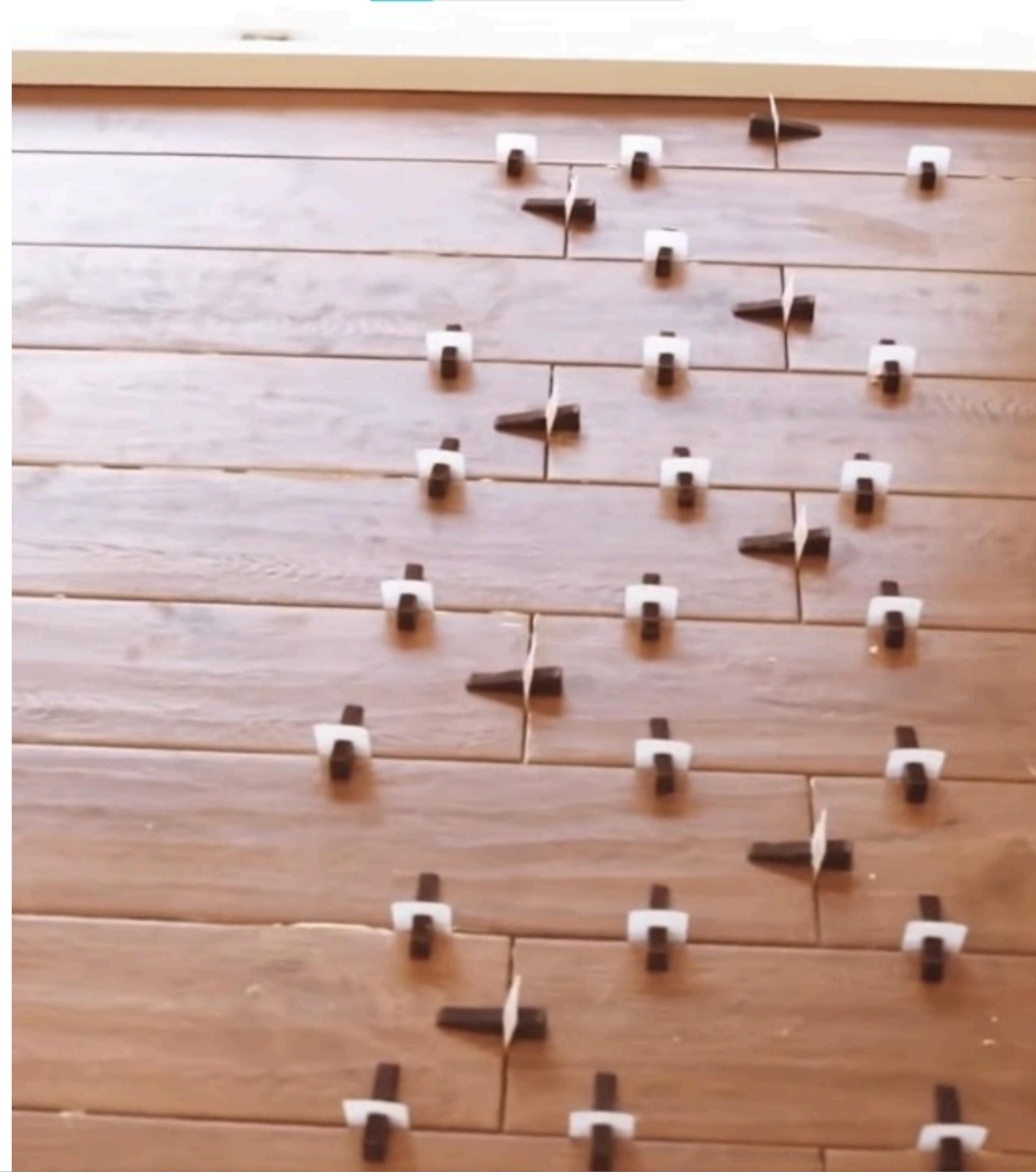
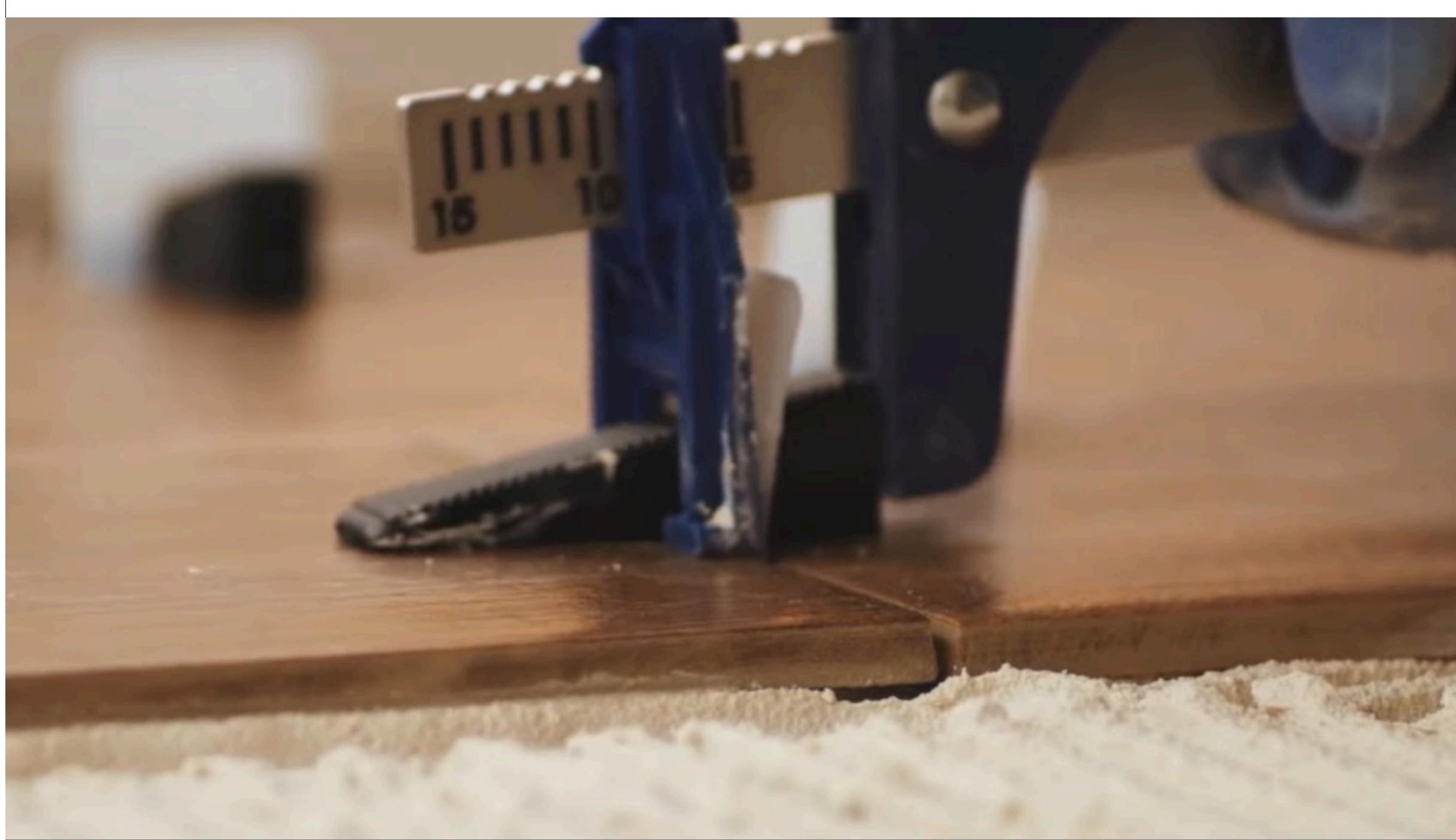
**PROPER GROUT JOINT SHOULD BE DETERMINED ONSITE BY AN  
INSTALLATION PROFESSIONAL!**

**Offset the tile by no more than one-third of its length. It is important that the end of one does not meet the middle of another. This minimizes the effects of tile variations.**



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# SURFACE PREPARATION

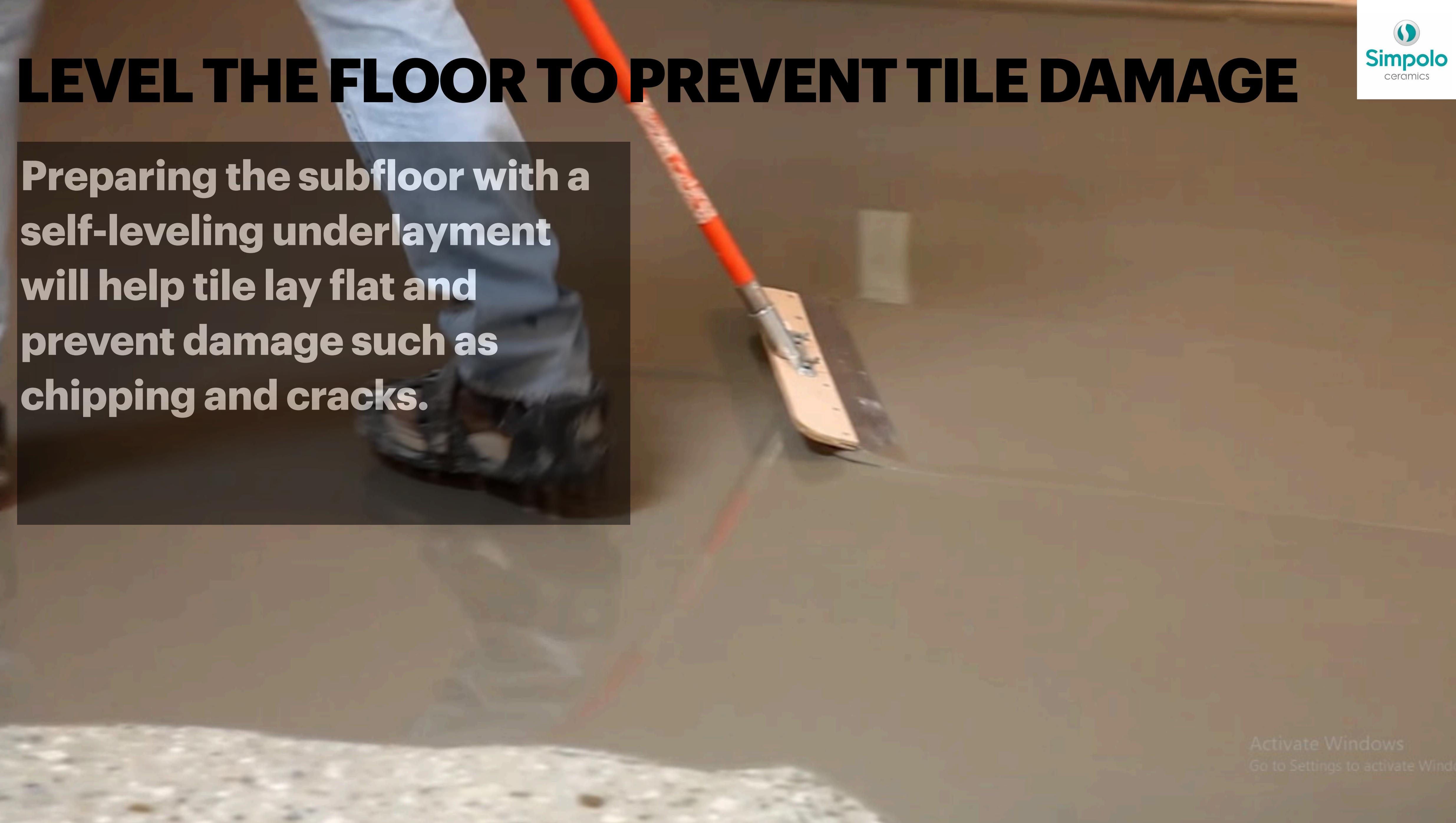
## STEP 1

- Tile may be installed over most structurally sound substrates.
- Make sure surface is clean, smooth, dry and free of wax, soap scum and grease.
- Any damaged, loose or uneven areas must be repaired, patched and leveled.
- Remove any moldings, trim, appliances or anything that could interfere with installation.



# LEVEL THE FLOOR TO PREVENT TILE DAMAGE

**Preparing the subfloor with a self-leveling underlayment will help tile lay flat and prevent damage such as chipping and cracks.**



# LAYOUT

## STEP 2

- **Mark the center point of all four walls.**
- **Snap chalk lines between the center points of opposite walls. (Adjust if necessary.)**
- **Using tile spacers, lay out a row of loose tiles along the center lines in both directions. Leave space for uniform joints.**
- **TIP: If cuts leave tiles smaller than half of their original size, adjust the center line by snapping a new line a half tile closer to the wall. Repeat along other center line if necessary.**



# APPLYING ADHESIVE

## STEP 3

**Mix only enough adhesive or mortar to be used within 30 minutes.**

**Using the type of trowel recommended on the adhesive package, spread a 1/4 in. coat on the surface of one grid area, using the flat side of the trowel.**

**NOTE: Do not cover guidelines or a larger area than can be set in 15 minutes.**

**Use the notched side of trowel to comb adhesive into standing ridges by holding trowel at a 45° angle.**

**Remove excess adhesive, leaving a uniform, ridged setting bed.**

**For large format tiles, butter the backside of the tile to ensure proper full-coverage. Use a medium bed mortar for tiles with a dimensional length greater than 15 inches on any one side.**

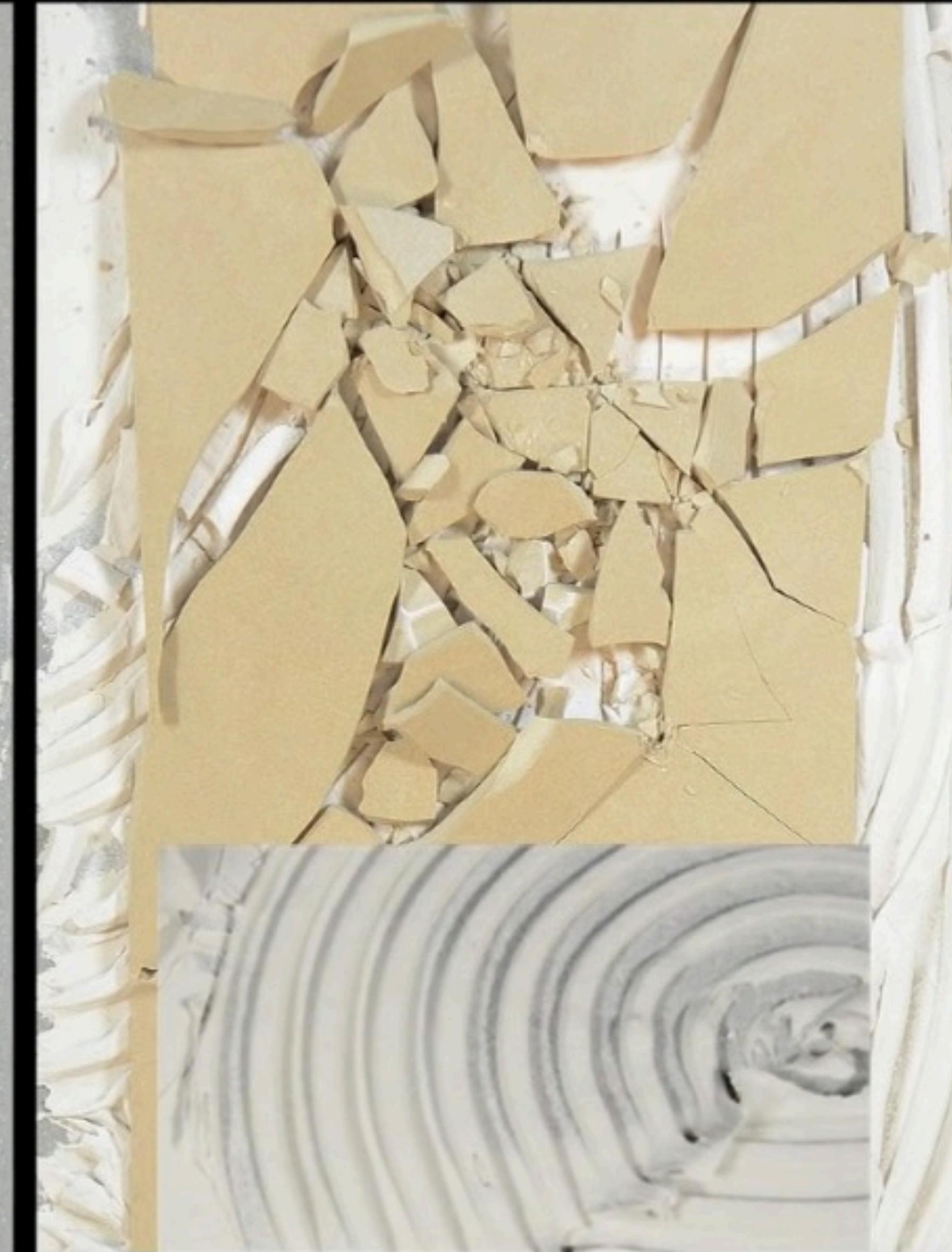
**NOTE: 90% mortar contact is recommended.**



See ANSI A108.5 for tile installation standards.



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**Straight = Correct**

**Swirls = Error**

**Spots = Error**



**USE A TROWEL DESIGNED  
FOR INSTALLING LARGE  
FORMAT TILE**

**BACK BUTTER EACH  
TILE TO GET FULL  
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**USE A TROWEL DESIGNED FOR INSTALLING LARGE FORMAT TILE AND BACK BUTTER EACH TILE TO GET THIS FULL COVERAGE.**



# GOAL: 95% MORTAR COVERAGE

Next, ensure 95% mortar coverage under the tile to create a strong bond.

# CUTTING TILE

## STEP 4

- Carefully measure tiles and mark with a pencil or felt-tip pen.
- Make straight or diagonal cuts with a tile cutter, curved cuts with a npper (chipping away small pieces for best results), and full-length curved cuts with a rod saw.
- Smooth out sharp-cut edges with a carborundum stone.



# SETTING TILE

**STEP 5**



- **Install tiles in the center, one grid at a time. Finish each grid before moving to the next. Start with the first tile in the corner of the grid and work outward.**  
**Set tiles one at a time using a slight twisting motion. NOTE: Don't slide tiles into place.**
- **Insert tile spacers, as each tile is set, or leave equal joints between tiles.**
- **Fit perimeter tiles in each grid last, leaving 1/4 in. gap between tile and wall.**
- **When finished, tap in all tiles with a rubber mallet or hammer and wood block, to ensure a good bond and level plane.**
- **Remove excess adhesive from joints with a putty knife, and from tile with a damp sponge.**
- **Do not walk on tiles until they are set (usually in 24 hours).**

# GROUTING JOINTS

## STEP 6

- Using the instructions on the package, make enough grout to use in about 30 minutes.
- Remove tile spacers and spread grout on the tile surface, forcing down into joints with a rubber grout float or squeegee.
- Tilt the float at a 45° angle and remove excess grout from surface immediately with the edge of float.
- Tilt it at a 90° angle and scrape it diagonally across tiles.
- Wait 15–20 minutes for grout to set slightly, then use a damp sponge to clean grout residue from surface and smooth the
- grout joints, rinsing sponge often.
- Let dry until grout is hard and haze forms on tile surface, then polish with a soft cloth and wait 72 hours for heavy use.





AS A FINAL TOUCH, CHOOSE A STAIN-  
RESISTANT GROUT ENHANCE THE BEAUTY AND  
DURABILITY OF THE PLANK TILE.

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