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When building a home or renovating your home, choosing floor tiles is an important part of the process. So where do you start and how do you go about choosing your floor tiles?



We can help you through the process of things you should consider before purchasing. Just like other choices around your home that you make, you need to consider your flooring tile choice carefully.

## Style

Choosing the type and style of your floor tile can be made easier if you have decided on a type of 'theme' or aesthetic for your home. For example -

- A modern, sleek style of home may want a large style of tile
- Coastal or Hamptons will suit more lighter colour floor tiles
- Industrial style would suit greys and darker tiles

If you're finding it hard to choose your style, find inspiration by browsing through our range of paving tiles. You can also create a mood board of images that you like so you can start to work out what sort of theme or colour scheme you are leaning towards.

## Functionality

Functionality of your tile is just as important as aesthetics. Where your paving tile are going to be laid and for what purpose, should be considered to ensure your floor tile

Each floor tile product should list its features and benefits, so be sure to read over these so you understand what you're buying.

## Here are some frequently asked questions about paving tiles and floor tiles -

### Which tiles are best for floors?

Factors to consider when choosing your floor tiles is your overall style of the home, your lifestyle, how dirty the tiles are likely to get, what area are the floor tiles being used and most importantly, what foundation will be under the paving tiles. You can lay floor tiles on concrete or on sand but not all paving tiles can be laid on the same foundation. Depending on what tile you end you choosing, you'll need to ensure they are laid correctly and on the right foundation.

### What colour tiles is best for floor tiles?

The colour you may choose for your floors will vary on a few factors. A larger style floor tile can make a smaller space appear larger, as will lighter colours. However, depending on your lifestyle, lighter colours can also show more dust and marks. Darker coloured floors can sometimes be more forgiving.

### What is the cost of paving tiles ?

At APC our Travertine and Stoneware paving tiles cost as little as \$59.95 per square metre.

## What is a paving tile?

A paving tile is similar to a paver but thinner. A paving tile is generally 12mm thick. This means that it can change the use of the paver tile. As it is lighter in weight than a paver, it can be used for internal purposes so that you can use indoor floor tiles / paver tiles inside your home and then use the matching paver for outside your home. Therefore, you can use the same type of product inside and outside your home so you can achieve a completely seamless look. Some paving tiles can also be used for walls and cladding.

## What is the difference between tiles and pavers?

Pavers are generally bigger than your standard tiles. Pavers are also thicker. Paving tiles come in 12mm thickness. Pavers come in 30mm, 40mm, 50mm and 60mm thickness.

## Where can I use paving tiles?

Paving tiles can be used throughout your home - probably in more spaces than you realise! Tiles are usually thought to be used for inside your home as indoor floor tiles or for your wet areas such as bathrooms, laundry and toilets. However, you can also use paving tiles around the outside of your home such as your entertaining areas, around pools, water features, outdoor showers, bbq areas, paths and even cladding. If you're unsure on what tiles are suitable to use where, our expert staff can assist you with your selection.

## What kind of paving tile is best for outdoor use?

Look for porcelain tiles that are meant for outdoor use, as these are the ideal choice for your deck or patio area. These clay-based tiles are non-porous, fade-resistant, and very durable. As they're baked in fiery hot kilns, porcelain tiles won't crack in weather extremes like stone tiles can.

## What base is needed for outdoor tiles?

Strong, durable and secure, concrete has been the go-to solution for patio bases for many years, quite literally providing a solid foundation for the pavers to rest on.

## Can I tile over existing concrete?

Yes. However, you do need to ensure you choose the correct paving tile as well as correctly lay them.

We have a range of paving tiles that are perfect for tiling over concrete.

## How can I lay my paving tiles?

There are different methods for laying your paving tiles, depending on which product you choose.

**At APC our expert staff can help advise you on which way to lay them. We also have DIY resources with step-by-step guides on how to lay these. Visit your local APC and view our range of tiles and pick up a free sample.**

