

How to Cover a Popcorn Ceiling with Decorative Tiles (Step by Step, 2026)

A Talissa Decor quick guide. Print and keep handy while you plan.

Why cover, not scrape

Half day job vs four day job. No dust storm. Better looking finish.

Test for asbestos

Required for any U.S. home built before 1980. Lab test costs \$30 to \$50.

Tools

Tiles, construction adhesive, caulk gun, utility knife, chalk line, step ladder, N95.

Layout

Start at the center. Snap chalk lines wall to wall. Adjust to avoid skinny edge cuts.

Adhesive

Bead around perimeter plus center X. Press and hold ten seconds per tile.

Finish

Caulk perimeter. Add cove moulding. Touch up paint. Done.

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