

# Glue Up Ceiling Tile: Mistake-Proof Checklist

The seven mistakes and the fix for each, from Talissa Decor

## Before you open the adhesive

### 1 Clean and test the ceiling

Wipe off dust and grease; do the tape test to check old paint holds.

### 2 Confirm your adhesive is foam-safe

Solvent glues can melt foam; use a tile-rated adhesive like Styro Pro.

### 3 Check fire rating and ventilation

Confirm the tile rating against your local code; open windows while gluing.

### 4 Order 10 to 15 percent extra tiles

Covers border cuts, mistakes, and the odd damaged tile.

## Layout and install

### 1 Find the center of the room

Snap chalk lines corner to corner and work outward from the middle.

### 2 Dry-lay the first tiles

Confirm layout and seams before committing any glue.

### 3 Take your time on the first row

Straight starting rows make the whole ceiling line up.

### 4 Press straight up, do not slide

Sliding smears adhesive into the seams.

## Cuts and finishing

### 1 Use a sharp utility knife

Change blades often; a dull blade tears foam edges.

### 2 Template fixtures and vents

Trace a paper template onto the tile before cutting.

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