

Polishing marble tiles

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I am a homeowner and we just finished installing marble tiles on our shower wall. Several tiles had gotten scratched during the cutting / installation. I have been able to remove the scratches by using 1200 grit sandpaper and it looks quite good but it no longer has the same luster as the factory polished tiles. Is there a way to get that bright shine back on the areas I have sanded?

Dear Heather:

If the sanding is smooth, uniform and already shows some reflection, then you should be able to obtain the final polish by using a good-quality Marble Repair Kit.

If you could use an orbital sander with a terry-cloth bonnet, you would be increasing the performance of the kit's main product a couple of folds. You would have to slightly dampen the bonnet (not wet, just a tad damp) and then you sprinkle some polishing powder onto it. Using a spray bottle spray a little bit (just a little bit!) of a mist on the powder, so that it will stick to the terry-cloth. Now spray a squirt of water on one tile and then apply the bonnet loaded with the powder onto it and buff away until it dries nice and shiny. Repeat if necessary. Start with only a little and then repeat if necessary – not vice-versa! If you use too much powder off the bat, you may “burn” the surface of the stone and then you'd have to sand it again.

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Ciao and good luck,

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