

# How to Make a Combination Cut on Floor Tile

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## Objective

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The learner will gain the knowledge to be able to make a combination cut on floor tile, using a wet saw. This is a helpful skill to have when laying down flooring. The steps described in this instruction sheet and in the accompanying video at [seejanedrill.com](http://seejanedrill.com) will enable you to quickly and easily make professional-looking combination cuts on floor tile.

## Resources Needed to Complete Job

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- **Tools & Equipment**
  - Wet Saw (if you do not own one, you can rent one by the day from your local home improvement store)
- **Personal Protective Equipment**
  - Safety Glasses
- **General Supplies**
  - Black Marker
- **Access**
  - Electrical Outlet
- **Other**
  - Hard flat surface on which to place the wet saw, and room to move around it
  - To review instructions on how to use a wet saw, refer to the See Jane Drill video “How to Operate a Wet Saw”.
  - To learn how to make a template or “pattern” out of cardboard for the tile you are planning to cut, refer the video which accompanies these instructions: “How To Make a Combo Cut Using a Wet Saw.”

## Steps to Complete the Job

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1. Make a “pattern” out of cardboard for the shape of the tile that you would like to cut.
2. Next, put on your safety glasses.
3. On a working surface, lay down the piece of tile, right side up, that you will be working with, and lay the cut cardboard pattern over the tile. Next, there is an important step:

*Lift the pattern from the tile, and slide it underneath the tile in the same position.*



*Then, flip the tile over, so that the pattern is now on top of the back side of the tile.*

4. Using your marker, trace the edges of the pattern where you will be cutting the tile. Be sure to use a marker so that you can see the line once the tile gets wet.

5. **Cutting the tile:** Operating the wet saw according to the manufacturer's instructions, you will be cutting the tile on the back side. Line up your tile along the first cut line. However, before you start cutting, here is a professional tip:

*Cut the tile beyond the corner where the line ends, by about ½ an inch. You will only be able to see the cut on the back side of the tile, but this is what will enable the tile to be cut all the way through and to fit properly in the designated space. The “overcut” will not be visible from the top side of the tile.*



*“Overcut” on back of tile*

6. Make the second cut on the tile, using the exact same method as described in step 5.
7. Flip the tile over, and observe your perfect cut on the top side. The tile is ready to install!



Front of tile, ready to install

8. Lastly, it's time to install the tile.



Dry-fit the cut tile

For further information about the task described in this worksheet and the tools and materials needed to complete this job, refer to [seejanedrill.com](http://seejanedrill.com)

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