

ROOF TILES & SLATE

When you receive your roof tiles or slates they will need no preparation.

These tiles are cut from real brick and real slate. If it is possible, try looking at a real roof before you begin, this will help you to see exactly what you are aiming at.

To start you will need to glue a thin 2mm x 2mm strip of card or wood across the lower edge of your roof. This will allow your first row of tiles to lay at the correct angle for the following rows. It may be useful to work out where the first row of tiles will come to and mark a pencil line across the roof, making it easier to keep your row straight! Continue to draw lines right the way up the roof remembering to allow each row of tiles to overlap by just over half the length. For example if your tile measures 22mm long you will need to allow about 10mm between each row.

Glue your tiles into position one row at a time using a PVA adhesive making sure that the glue is in the right position for the tile to stick to the roof and also to the previous row of tiles. If you need to cut a roof tile to fit, score a line onto the surface of the tile using a ruler and a craft knife and snap over a straight edge, or you can also use tile pliers or pincers. Any rough edges can be removed by rubbing on a sheet of sandpaper.

If you need to cut Real Slate then score a line on both sides of the slate with a craft knife and then snap over a straight edge, or use a junior hacksaw, in this case a Dust Mask should be worn for protection.

When you have glued on all your tiles up to the top of the roof you can finish with ridge tiles, these can be grouted into position.

Also now available, real thin rolled lead suitable for use as lead flashing, flat roof cladding, ridging, valleys and hips. Easy to cut and shape.

I hope these few tips will assist you. However, if you have any problems please do not hesitate to contact us.
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