



How to fix Leaks in Shower Tiles by Caulking

Caulking is a technique used to fix damaged areas that may be leaking. This guide is for a bathroom or kitchen surface that has multiple (small) tiles.

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INTRODUCTION

Caulking is used as adhesion to seal the surface to prevent damage and leaking. **This guide focuses on fixing leaks in shower tiles using silicon-based caulking**, which is water-resistant and it is used to fill any gaps or leaks.

Caulking tubes come in many forms to be used for a specific surface or specific damage. To perform the fix in the guide, look for a caulking tube that says '**silicon-based**' or '**bathroom and kitchen use**'.

Step 1 of this guide requires to remove the old caulking. The **new caulk will not slick to the old caulk on the surface**, so it is important to remove it before proceeding to do this fix.

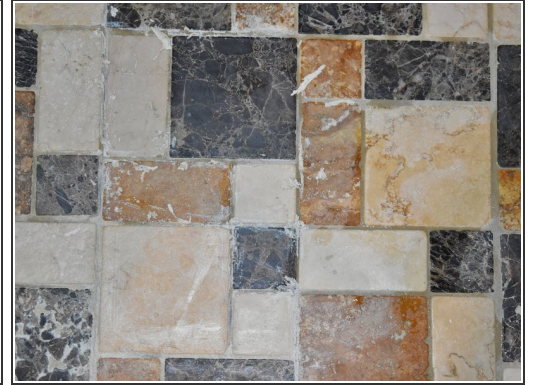
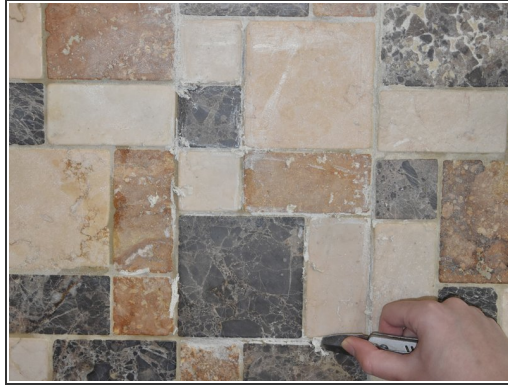
The **time for this fix may vary depending on the size of the surface and the time it takes for the caulk to completely dry**. The caulking can take up to a full day to dry completely, so be prepared to not use the surface for a while before beginning the process!



TOOLS:

- [Silicone Caulking](#) (1)
 - [Caulking Gun](#) (1)
 - [Cloth](#) (2)
 - [Putty knife](#) (1)
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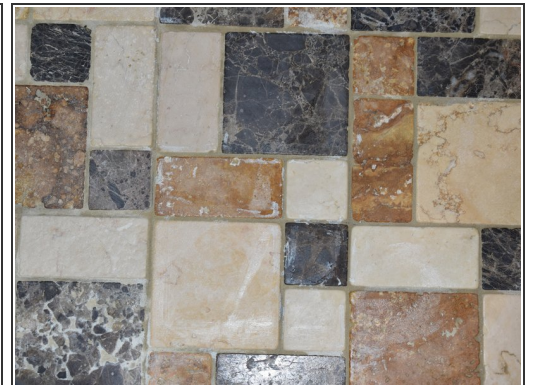
Step 1 — How to fix Leaks in Shower Tiles by Caulking



- Using a putty knife, remove the old caulk from the surface.

⚠ While using the scraper, hold the sharp end away from you.

Step 2



- Using a damp cloth, wipe the surface to remove the scraped caulk.
- Using another cloth, wipe the surface with disinfectant.

Step 3



- Place the caulking tube in the caulking gun.
- Place the back of the tube into the gun.
- Push the front of the tube inside.
- Twist the hook at the end of the caulking gun inwards to hold the caulking tube in place.

Step 4



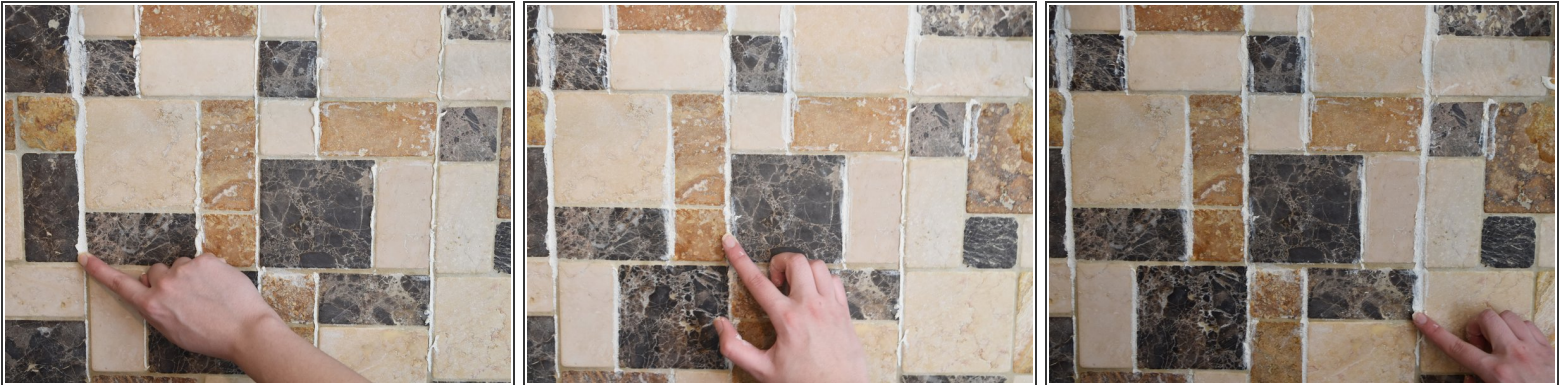
- Cut the tip of the caulking tube at an angle.
- Test the caulk on a paper towel before applying it on the surface.
- ① Press the trigger on the caulking gun to release the caulk from the tube.

Step 5



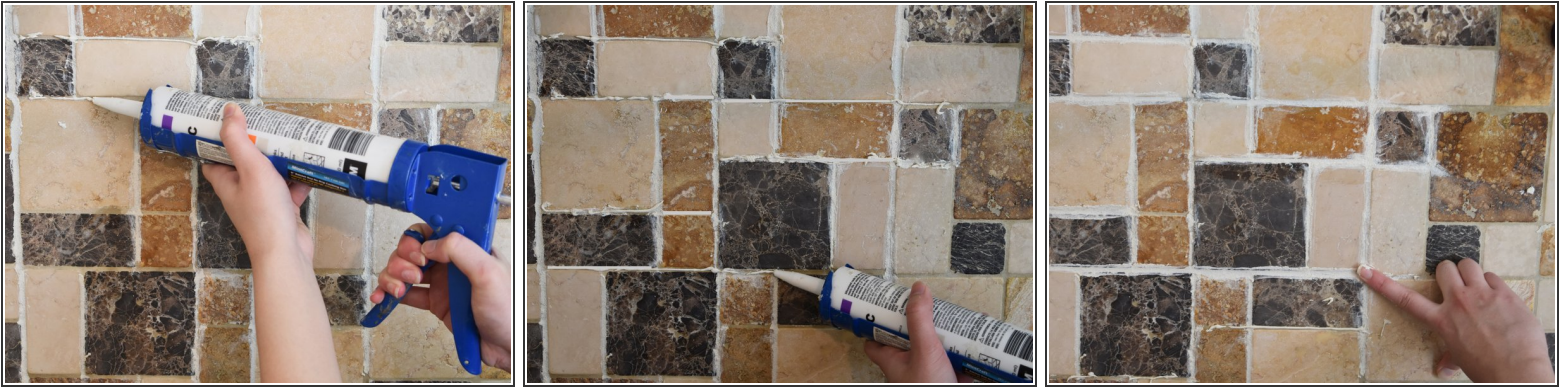
- i Start caulking at the top of the surface and move down along the surface.
 - Place the tip of the caulking gun on the surface between two tiles and move it down at a steady pace.
 - Go back to the top and apply the caulking on the next tile, until all of the space between the tiles has caulking.
- i Hold the caulking gun with both hands to be steady.

Step 6



- Using a damp finger, smoothen the caulking on the surface.
- i Keep a rag nearby to periodically wipe off any excess caulking.
- Allow the caulking to dry for five minutes, before moving on to the next part.

Step 7



- Now, apply the caulking in the horizontal direction.
- Repeat the process in Step 5 and 6.
- Allow the caulking to dry for 5 minutes before moving to the next part.

Step 8



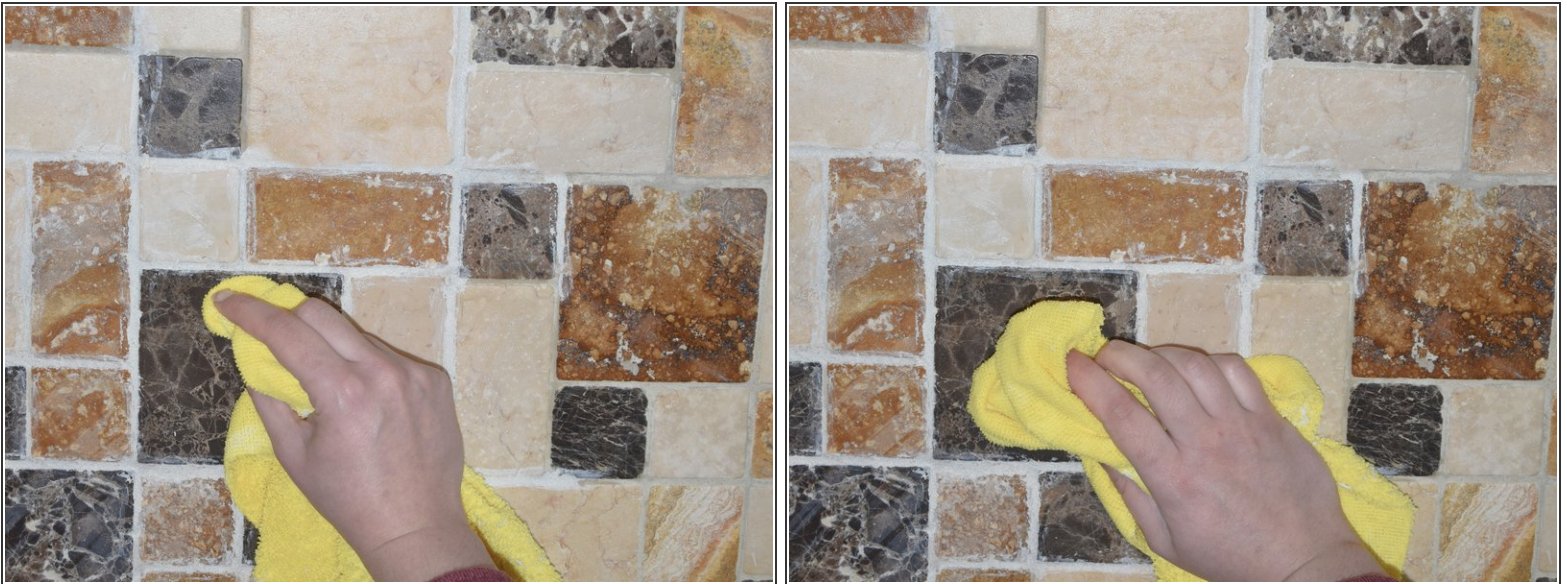
- Go over any areas that were missed or that don't have enough caulking.
- ① Put a pea size amount of caulking in that area and smoothen it out with a damp finger.

Step 9



- Let the surface dry for 20 minutes.
- After the caulking has dried, remove the excess using a putty knife.
- ❗ To avoid scratches while removing the excess, lay the scraper flat towards the surface.

Step 10



- In case there is still any excess, scrub over the scraped area with a damp cloth.
- ❗ If there is any caulking left over, cover the tip of the caulking tube with a paper towel and store for later use.
- ❗ The caulking tube can be left in the caulking gun or taken out by performing step 4 backward.

Clean the surface and completely let it dry before using it. It may take up to a full day to dry completely, so be prepared to not use the surface for a while!