

G&S DeSouza. Late Victorian Encaustic & Geometric Floor.

Small domestic hall floor, the tiled floor was intact & sound for the most part, some usual damage at the kitchen threshold = cracked & loose tiles, scattered areas throughout the tiled floor most notably at the foot of the stairs which again is a usual spot for damage as it has had heavy footfall over the last century plus.



Damaged tiles are lifted using an Exakt saw to cut around the tile to isolate the damaged tiles and cut into the underlying screed deeply enough to prevent percussive damage to the surrounding tiles this is achieved using the Exakt saw which has a very thin diamond edged blade the cutting depth of which can be set.

A Fein Supercut triangular rasp is used to grind the screed base down to accept a bed of flex adhesive in this case H40 eco flex made by KeraKoll grout used was KeraKoll cement grey which blends very well in colour to the cleaned up lime mortar used by the Victorians.

A Fein Supercut curved blade diamond coated is also used to get into awkward areas, and if some mortar needs to be chiselled out and the angle is difficult for a manual chisel I use an Arbortech power chisel with a narrow blade.

For some reason the thresholds on this floor were not the same and they were incompatible with the main field & border.

I lifted the two thresholds and re-set with a design which was in tune with the main floor.



1st threshold set in colours and pattern out of odds with main floor.



New threshold.

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2nd threshold before being re-designed.



New threshold design. Olde English Repro tiles were used for the new thresholds, re-claim tiles from stock were used for repairs and a few tiles from Craven Dunnill tiles of Jackfield.

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Rating (Cost / Customer Service / Quality): 5 / 5 / 5

“We had a messy geometric tiled floor for years and tried cleaning it ourselves with various chemicals etc. There were paint stains due to decorating over the years which compounded the ingrained dirt in the tiles. No matter how much we tried we could not get it looking clean. The white tiles always looked grey and speckled and the other tiles had various "shades" depending upon the amount of dirt that was in them. Lots of tiles were chipped and some raised / loose. Steve came and did a fantastic job by getting them clean and fixing / replacing cracked and broken ones. A lot of the job is unseen when the job is done, and it would be impossible to really appreciate the effort that has gone into doing this had you not seen the work that was done by Steve. The reason why we have rated this as exceptional, is Steve not only went beyond what was required, but the end result is stunning. For example we had two different designs of tiles in the thresholds that lead into the lounges which looked like a fill in tiles with no particular match with the main hallway. We didn't really notice this but Steve did and suggested redesigning it and bringing them in line to match and compliment the rest of the floor. It makes all the difference and was something we did not even think about. Our experience with Steve and Heritage Tiling & Restoration Co has been a very good one and cannot praise him enough. We felt totally at ease with Steve from the moment we met him and value his honesty and integrity. As well as been a professional for the period of the time he was here he is very comfortable to be with. We would highly recommend Steve and his company. ”