Small-Bath Tile Setting-Out Sheet

Map your flawless tile grid before framing begins.

Establish your grout lines, niche placement, and drain slope on paper first. Hand this plan to your contractor for a seamless, expansive finish.



Grid Dimensions

1/16 inch
standard joint for rectified porcelain

2 %
fall across the shower pan

34-36 in
typical floating vanity finished height

1-2 full tiles
niche interior box capacity

+ 1/4 inch
added per niche side for thinset

Up to 1/8 in
possible manufacturing batch variation

Pitch the Shower Sill

Angle the bottom tile of your shower niche slightly toward the pan so water naturally runs off, protecting your grout from severe damage over time.

Hide the Cut Row

1. **Measure vanity height** Find the finished height of your wall-mounted oak cabinetry off the floor.
2. **Calculate downward** Count tile courses downward from the ceiling to locate the natural partial row.
3. **Adjust the ledger** Shift the vertical grid so this cut row sits entirely concealed behind the vanity profile.

Site & Material Checks

- [ ] Verify exact nominal tile dimensions to account for batch variations.
- [ ] Reframe the stud bay so the niche fits your exact grid.
- [ ] Ensure the linear drain fits exactly wall-to-wall for one flat plane.
- [ ] Tint your warm-white grout to match the tile exactly.
- [ ] Cap outer corners with a slim brushed-metal profile to prevent chipping.

Visual Effect By Format

Find your row: **Floor & wall tile**

Floor & wall tile	Your pick	Why
12x24 floor and wall	Continuous wrap	Unbroken lines expand the room
24x24 floor and wall	Seamless grid	Calming architectural atmosphere
12x24 floor, 4x12 wall	Offset alignment	Draws the eye outward

Project Notes

Enjoy your beautifully tailored, expansive new bathroom retreat!