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faq Replacing broken roof tiles

For:

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Replacing broken concrete tiles on your roof is easier than most people think. Usually, the tiles are not even nailed down, but resting beneath the weight of the tiles above them.

Once you get on the roof, this is all you need to do the job:

- replacement tiles
- two pry bars



step 1

Slide the flat bar under the top right tile above the tile that is going to be replaced.

Make sure that your bar is pointed in the same direction as shown here so that both of the tiles above the broken one are elevated. Be gentle with the tiles.



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Step 2

Now slide a second flat bar under the tile located left of the tile you want to replace.



Step 3

Now that the surrounding tiles are no longer resting on the broken tile, it can be removed.



Step 4

Most tiles on the roof are not nailed down. Rather, the tiles have nubs that rest behind the small boards running horizontally under the tiles as shown here. Due to this fact you



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will need to lift up the back end of the tile in order to slide it out.

Step 5

Now slide your new tile into place so that it rests securely behind the underlying boards.



Remove the flat bars first the lower left one then the upper right.

Congratulations! You're Done!

This roof was 20 years old, so the surface was very weathered in contrast to the new tile.

If you don't want the new tile to stand out like this then simply use the same steps to replace a perfectly good old tile in an inconspicuous spot and then use the good weathered tile in the more visible spot.