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We have a variety of different sized and shaped ceramic tiles and cork tile on our floor. We want to remove all of them and re-tile. Can you give us any advice on the best removal method and the best equipment to use ?

If these materials are stuck direct to concrete you will need to remove the tile mechanically. The cork may have to be removed by hand with some kind of flat edge implement. I guess there is a height variance between the finished level of the two types of flooring so it may be possible to leave the cork where it is and tile over the top of it and still bring the level of the new tiles flush.

If the materials are stuck to backer board you can leverage under the board with a spade or bar and remove backing board, tile, cork etc. Then re-lay new Hardie board and tile.

Call a tiler to give you a quote it may be cheaper and more expedient in the long run.

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