

TIENTO

Recommendations for fixing of Handmade Moroccan Zellige tiles

Zellige tiles are a traditional Moroccan terracotta product in glazed, unglazed & special finishes crafted as loose tiles.

Each tile is handcrafted, and the method of manufacture means there may be variation in colour & glaze thickness. Small imperfections such as chips, hairline cracks & uneven edges are inherent to the tiles & contribute to the overall appearance.

Installation of the tiles must always be carried out by a capable and experienced professional. Laying of the tiles constitutes acceptance of the goods.

STEP BY STEP Installation Instructions-

1. Preparation:

For wet areas and full submersion, a waterproof membrane is to be applied over the screed prior to gluing the tile.

2. Laying & Adhesive:

All boxes or crates should be opened and inspected by the installer to ensure they are aware of the variation in colour. Tiles should then be selected and blended to achieve a consistent mix.

The traditional method & for aesthetic reasons we recommend laying these tiles is almost edge to edge with a gap of maximum 1mm.

Tiles are to be adhered to the substrate using a DOUBLE SPREAD of glue such as Laticrete 335 flexible premium cementitious adhesive or equivalent. Or in a fully submerged installation, the use of Laticrete Latapoxy 300 or equivalent is recommended. A double spread will absorb the thickness disparities & occasional sharp edges inherent in the handmade product.

3. Grout:

Tiles are to be grouted using a liquid non sanded grout, as sanded grouts can potentially scratch the tile glaze. For a fully submerged installation, Laticrete Permacolour or equivalent is recommended.

Apply the grout & wipe the edge of the joints with a damp sponge, perform this operation several times until the joints are filled.

Clean immediately with water & sponge and remove any contaminates from the surface of the tile as soon as possible.

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