

Installation Guidelines for Zellige Tiles:

Please be aware that the information provided below serves as a general guide, and it is advisable to seek professional advice from a qualified industry specialist before proceeding with installation.

Zellige tiles are meticulously handcrafted, resulting in noticeable variations in thickness, color, shade, and size. Common irregularities such as edge chips, blowouts, scratches, crazing, and warping contribute to the unique and enduring beauty of Moroccan Zellige, lending a charming organic and natural aesthetic.

It is crucial to blend tiles from all boxes upon arrival and lay them out in the installation area to ensure desired layout before proceeding with installation. Avoid installing without first dry laying the tiles to establish variation.

Be mindful of potential color and size variations between batches, as matching with additional orders may be challenging. Plan your order accordingly to avoid discrepancies.

Irregularities that might be considered flaws or defects in other tile ranges, such as significant color variations, varying shapes, and sizes, are inherent characteristics of Zellige tiles and should not be viewed as faults.

Traditionally, Zellige tiles are butt jointed or tightly set, requiring skill and patience during installation. The process is slow and involves careful bedding and arrangement of tiles, particularly due to their varying sizes.

Lipping of tiles is normal and cannot be entirely eliminated.

Grout joints may be used with Zellige tiles, although the decision to butt joint or use grout joints rests with the owner or designer.

When butt jointing, use a fine grout to fill any small gaps between tiles. Wipe away excess grout to ensure it fills only the voids and does not cover the tiles.

Glazed tiles do not require sealing, but natural terracotta tiles will need to be sealed. Refer to the sealing requirements provided by your preferred sealer manufacturer.

Prior to installation, clean off any dust or residue from shipping. Back buttering with notch trowel adhesive application on the wall is recommended.

For external corners, we recommend using a mitre cut. Tiles can be easily mitred with a wet saw, and any sharp edges can be sanded down evenly before filling the corner void with grout for a seamless finish.