

Mosaic Installation Guide

Dry Lay

- Always dry lay your mosaic tiles prior to installation.
- Check for shade, colour, and quality variations. Any concerns should be raised with Design Tiles before installation.
- Delivered product may vary from showroom samples – fixing/laying of the product constitutes acceptance and **no claims will be accepted once the tiles have been laid.**

Cutting

- Use a wet saw with a diamond blade to cut mosaics.
- Cut slowly with multiple passes, gradually increasing depth with each pass to avoid chipping.

Sealing

- Sealing is required for all natural stone or marble mosaics to protect against staining.
- Apply a penetrating sealer undiluted with a clean white cloth or lambswool applicator.
- Allow 30–45 minutes for the first coat to dry before applying a second coat.

- Wipe away any excess sealer that has not penetrated within 15–30 minutes.
- Ensure no water contacts the newly sealed tiles for at least 24 hours.

Grouting

- Apply a premium-grade thin-set mortar:
 - Use a 4 mm V-notch trowel for small mosaics.
 - Use a 6 mm Square-notch trowel for larger mosaics.
- Set tiles and apply pressure (or tap gently with a rubber grout float) to ensure full contact and alignment.
- Periodically check alignment and grout joints with a level.
- Mix and apply grout as per manufacturer's instructions.
 - For mosaics with metallic or delicate finishes, use unsanded grout to prevent surface abrasion.
- Clean excess grout immediately with a damp sponge.
- After 12 hours, polish any remaining grout haze with a clean, dry cloth.

Cleaning & Maintenance

- Do not use abrasive cleaners or harsh chemicals.
- Only use pH-neutral cleaners that are safe for natural stone mosaics.
- Regular resealing is recommended to maintain surface protection.

Disclaimer

No claim will be accepted after installation of the product.

All tiling must be carried out in accordance with AS 3958.1 – Guide to the Installation of Ceramic Tiles and adhesive/grout manufacturer's recommendations.

Installation must be performed by a qualified tiler.