

somes notes about installing our tile

Because our tile is handmade using natural materials there will be variations of size, shape, and clay and glaze color.

This is the hallmark of handmade tiles, giving them their vitality and appeal, and it is a prized feature.

Our traditional stoneware can be used indoors and outdoors year round in all climates. It is suitable for a wide range of architectural applications including backsplashes, bath and shower enclosures, interior and exterior walls, fireplace surrounds, and stair risers.

*Our decorative tiles combine well with many natural stone products.
The tile is just under 1/2" thick.*

We recommend laying out the design before installation to balance the flow of the designs and the natural variations. It could be a good idea to order 10-20% extra to increase flexibility in balancing the natural variations, to cover the possibility of replacing breakage during installation, and to store as future replacements. Because of natural changes that occur in our raw materials we cannot guarantee that future orders will match particular tiles.

When grouting our decorative tile it is VERY important to cover the designs with several layers of wide, plain masking tape (tape colors can run) to keep the grout from settling in the imprints. Cut the tape to the edge of the tiles to allow for the grout channels. Once the surface is sponged clean immediately remove the tape and clean up any residue that may have seeped under the tape.

*A good quality sanded grout is recommended for the traditional stoneware.
Test any grout on the back of a tile before installing to check for possible staining problems, as some grout colors are notorious for this.*

We also highly recommend sealing the 'almond toast' surface (which is unglazed) with a non-coloring stoneware and tile sealer before installing. Any good tile showroom can recommend a good sealer available in your area. If there is any doubt test the sealer on the backside of a tile, once it dries water will bead but there will be no color change in the tile and no shiny surface. The sealer will protect the tile surface for many years. The imprint will still need to be taped over before grouting.

If installing the tile yourself, follow the installation guidelines of experienced installers. The Tile Council of America's "Handbook of Ceramic Tile" is an excellent resource.

Piney Mountain Plate and Tile is not responsible for the installation of our tile or for any problems that may arise from their installation or use.