

ZELLIGE HAND-MADE TILES

A GENERAL GUIDE ONLY

(Always seek specific installation advice from an experienced tiler)

1. GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Zellige tiles should be laid almost edge-to-edge (see store display). Due to their handmade nature and irregular sizing, grout joints will naturally vary. Wide, uniform joints (as used with manufactured tiles) are not recommended.
 - Imperfections and small defects are inherent to authentic Zellige. These may include chipped corners, pinholes, pen marks, irregular thickness, uneven edges, and significant colour variation.
 - Because of this variation, we strongly recommend that your tiler dry-lays the tiles first to create a blend you are happy with. During installation, tiles should be selected at random from multiple boxes to achieve a natural, blended and balanced mix.
 - Minor imperfections may appear unacceptable when viewed individually but are essential to the overall character of Zellige. Avoid removing too many tiles from the blend. Some clients choose to purchase an additional 5% (on top of the tiler's wastage allowance) to allow for personal selection.
 - Always use an installer who has experience working specifically with Zellige tiles.
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2. LAYING ZELLIGE

- Zellige tiles must be installed on a very flat, even substrate.
Refer to Ardex (or similar manufacturers) for recommended adhesives, grouts, and primers suitable for Zellige.
 - Ensure all loose particles are removed from the back of each tile to achieve proper adhesion.
 - Variations in thickness are normal. Zellige tiles are not perfectly flat, so the entire tile surface must be fully supported by adhesive. Unsupported overhanging edges may crack, particularly at the corners.
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3. GROUTING GLAZED ZELLIGE

- Consult your tiler to ensure a suitable grout is selected for Zellige installation.
 - Wide joints are not recommended. Butt joints are most common (see store display) , with tiles adjusted during laying to ensure no sharp edges remain exposed.
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IMPORTANT NOTE

This information is intended as a general guide only. For technical installation advice, we recommend consulting a tiler who is experienced with installing Zellige tiles.

If your tiler requires more detailed information, please contact us for the Ardex technical services report outlining specific adhesives, grouts, primers, and installation recommendations.

Due to the handmade nature of these tiles, we do not accept returns.

