

# ZELLIGE HANDMADE TILE INSTALLATION TIPS

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## Layout and blend tile prior to beginning

Open several boxes and randomly mix different Zellige tiles with heterogeneous tones to create the most homogeneous result.



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## Prep surface

The wall/ floor should be well prepared, clean and levelled before the placing of the Zellige.



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## Apply the adhesive

Evenly apply flexible adhesive for ceramics to the surface to be tiled, as well as on the back of the tile.



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## Position the tiles

Position the Zellige by hand, leaving no joint (edge to edge) without using tile spacers. Looking for the harmony of the whole rather than the tile's immediate neighbour helps.



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**Grout**

When the adhesive has dried and the Zellige has adhered well to the wall, spread very liquid grout cement over the surface, with a rubber spatula, making sure the spaces between the tiles are completely filled.



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**Remove excess**

Wipe off excess cement with a damp sponge or cloth.



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**Additional information**

Zellige tiles can be re-cut with a tile cutter. Better results will be achieved with a diamond disk.



## ZELLIGE TILE USAGE

**Interior:** Suitable for low & medium traffic interior floors, walls, showers and steam showers, fireplace surrounds. **Not for use in firebox.**

**Exterior:** Suitable for use on exterior walls and vertical surfaces in freeze-thaw and non freeze-thaw environments. **Suitable for exterior floors and horizontal surfaces in \*non freeze-thaw\* environments only.**

Radiant heat compatible.

**\*\*We recommend sealing our Zellige tiles before and after grouting with Dry-Treat Premium Impregnating Sealer (Formerly Stain-Proof Original)\*\***

## **Additional Information:**

When laid in direct contact with water: pools, showers (floors and walls) and water features; please ensure that the sub-surface is waterproofed. Like other enameled ceramics, covering a surface with Zellige tiles does not guarantee waterproofing.

Humidity can filter through the grout or any surface irregularities.

## **Disclaimer:**

Please note these tips are intended as guidance only. To be used in addition to relevant standard trade guidelines, available via Tile Council of North America (TCNA.com). Installation varies from site to site with varying conditions depending on the site. The contractor should decide if these suggestions are suitable for their application or require further adjustment. In no way do these tips replace the services of a professional contractor and/or consultants.