

ZELLIGE

Installation Guide

For appropriate Zellige tile installation, it is important that the installer carefully read this guide before starting the task. The installation must be made by a duly qualified installer.

1. Considerations prior to Zellige tile installation

- **1.1.** For a perfect installation of the Zellige tile, the surface where it will be laid must be perfectly regular and dry.
- **1.2.** Before starting the Zellige tile installation, we recommend that you observe all the faces of the Zellige tiles and mix them together. This procedure ensures a balanced distribution of the different shades that exist in your batch of Zellige tiles.

2. Zellige tile laying process

- **2.1.** The application must be carried out by applying adhesive cement on the support surface and on the Zellige tile (double bonding). This ensures the best adhesion and corrects any thickness variation that may exist between each Zellige tile.
- **2.2.** The Zellige tiles installation must be done by manually levelling piece by piece according to its application. For this purpose and if necessary, a soft rubber mallet can be used but never tools that by their nature can damage the material.
- **2.3.** The Zellige tiles should be applied without gap. These should be applied edge to edge and the adjustment can be done with the aid of wedges.
- **2.4.** As with other tiles, whenever it is necessary to make cuts in the Zellige tiles, a diamond disc with water should be used.

3. Filling the Zellige tile grout joints

3.1. The grout joint filling of the Zellige tile should be done two or three days after the installation.

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- **3.2.** In the case of using Zellige mounted boards, it is also necessary to fill in the internal joints of the boards.
- **3.3.** The grout joint should be filled with a small spatula in order to minimize contact with the remaining surface of the Zellige tile. Excess grout must be immediately removed with a clean, damp sponge.

4. Final work cleaning of the Zellige tile

4.1. After filling and drying the grout joint, a final work wash should be carried out. Wash the Zellige tile with soap and water or neutral pH detergent. To remove any resistant grout residues from the Zellige tile surface use a damp sponge.

5. Zellige tile maintenance and cleaning

- **5.1.** The Zellige tiles should be washed using water and soap or a neutral pH detergent, ideally biodegradable and environmentally friendly. Washing allows to remove dirt and keep surfaces clean and hygienic.
- **5.2.** Never use acidic, corrosive or bleaching cleaners on Zellige tile coated surfaces.