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DESIGNS

INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS

- Thinset (light or dark to match tile color)
- Trowel with ½" notches
- Clean sponges and buckets
- Tile spacers to match desired grout thickness (1/16" recommended)
- Grout (Use non-sanded grout if joint is less than 1/8")
- Grout Float
- Tile Sealer (DryTreat Stain Proof™ recommended)

PRE-INSTALLATION

1. Prepare a perfectly level, clean, and dry surface (Make sure the surface is ¼ inch below the desired floor height. Use transition strip otherwise).

NOTE: Make sure concrete is fully cured prior to installation to avoid evaporative moisture, which will create mineral deposits on tile. To ensure concrete is cured, take a small piece of plastic and tape to floor, taping all edges down thoroughly. Leave this plastic and tape overnight. If moisture appears under plastic used, that will indicate concrete is not cured and a moisture barrier will be required prior to installation.

INSTALLATION

1. Evenly apply the thinset to the cement floor using notched trowel, working in small sections.
2. Wet the backs of tiles with a sponge or dunk in bucket of clean water to remove any residue. Wet tiles to ensure even curing of thinset.
3. Cover or "butter" the back of the wet tile with thinset.
 - a. Gloves are recommended to avoid dirt and oil from hands getting on tile.
 - b. Immediately remove any thinset from surface of tiles to prevent potential staining.
4. Lay the tiles down using a level, pressing them into place with the palm of your hand to ensure all tiles are leveled across joints. DO NOT use a tool like a rubber hammer, this can cause fracturing.
5. Use tile spacers to achieve even grout lines.
6. When cutting tiles to space requirements, use a wet saw with a diamond blade.
7. If creating a pattern layout, start by centering pattern first, then work outwards.
8. After thinset has cured and tile has completely dry apply one coat of DryTreat Stain Proof™ according to manufacturer recommendations [we recommend watching a DryTreat Stain Proof™ application video or looking for an accredited applicator].

GROUT INSTALLATION

1. Wait 24 hours after first application of DryTreat Stain Proof™ before grout installation
2. Ensure tiles are free of all debris
3. Apply grout with grout float working in small [4-6 tile] areas
 - a. We strongly recommend AGAINST the use of black or anthracite colored grout
4. CLEAN OFF EXCESS GROUT IMMEDIATELY. DO NOT LET GROUT DRY ON TILE SURFACE OR STAINING WILL OCCUR
5. Once installation is complete and excess grout is cleaned, let the grout dry according to manufacturer recommendations
6. After grout has cured, apply a second coat of DryTreat Stain Proof™ over both tile and grout

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

1. If additional protection is desired, apply a natural hard wax [concrete countertop wax such as Cheng concrete Countertop Wax] to the surface of the tiles 24 hours after the second coat of DryTreat Stain Proof™ has been applied
2. Use a mild ph-neutral cleaner for ongoing cleaning and maintenance
3. If stains occur, they can be removed by gently wet-sanding the problem area with 400 grit sandpaper. The sanded area will need to be resealed with DryTreat Stain Proof™ and rewaxed if wax was initially applied

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