

# Tile installation

## Interior Walls Only

The following instructions are designed to provide a guideline for successful installation of your tile wall. We strongly recommend that you use a qualified tile installer/contractor to install your tile wall. Careful installation will ensure the life of your product. Original Works will not be held liable for tiles that are damaged or broken during the installation process.

To avoid potentially scratching the tile surface when installing, use of a sand-less grout is highly recommended. We also recommend the use of tile spacers. Spacers will ensure a consistent width between tiles, help prevent misalignment during installation, and improve the overall appearance of the project.

## Installation

1. Using a notched spreader (normally supplied with the tile adhesive) apply the adhesive evenly over the surface to which the tiles will be secured. The ridges in the adhesive allow for positioning and bedding of the tiles. Cover an area of about 1 m (1 yd.) at a time, to prevent the adhesive from drying out.
2. Start with the first tile in the bottom most left hand corner by pressing it until it is firmly fixed. Continue by adding the tiles to the right side, building out one row at a time. Continue with successive rows of tiles until the whole area has been built up, applying new adhesive as/when required. Periodically, use a damp sponge to wipe any excess adhesive from the surface of the tiles.

## Grouting

Non-abrasive (sand-less) grout can be applied 24 hours after tiling. Professionals use a “squeegee” type tool, but a piece of dense foam sponge or a rubber spreader are also suitable.

1. Use the spreader to force the grout into the gaps between the tiles. Spread in all directions to ensure the gaps are well filled.
2. After covering the surface area to be worked, wipe away the excess grout with another sponge, rinsing it frequently in a bucket of clean water. To give an even, polished finish to the grout, use a piece of dowel to run down the grout lines, to ensure an even depth and thickness to the grouting lines.
3. When the grout is dry, polish the tile area with a soft cloth.

Use the grid below to position tiles. Start from the left hand side at the bottom of the wall. It is best to layout the entire mural before beginning any installation.

E-1	E-2				
D-1	D-2	D-3			
C-1	C-2	C-3	C-4		
B-1	B-2	B-3	B-4	B-5	
A-1	A-2	A-3	A-4	A-5	A-6



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