

TERRA PRECIOSA



Installation Instructions:

Setting the Tile, Grouting and Sealing:

- ◆ Prepare the surface you are tiling by making sure it is level, dry and clean (free of dust and oil)
- ◆ Examine all tiles for damage. *there can be some colour variation between tiles, it is the nature of the hand-made tiles, not a flaw. It is important to mix the tiles so that colour variations are random, and not in clusters
- ◆ Prepare thinset mortar. *it should be stiff enough to stand up using a ½" trowel. USE RAPID SETTING THINSET THAT WILL DRY IN 2-3 HOURS
- ◆ Pre-wetting the back side of the tiles prior to setting is required
- ◆ Fill a bucket with water, dip a tile sponge and wipe the back of the tiles to clean any dust that could prevent the adhesion of the thinset. *Avoid pooling, or allowing excessive amounts of water to sit on the tiles for long periods of time
- ◆ Work in 2-4 square foot areas at a time, spreading the thinset on the tile and the tiling surface using a hand trowel
- ◆ Adhesive must cover the entire tile to prevent cracking in the concrete
- ◆ Use a ½" or ¾" notched trowel
- ◆ Press tile firmly with your hands *DO NOT USE A HAMMER OR RUBBER MALLETT. This can break the tiles. Traditionally, cement tiles are set abutted to one another without spacers using a very narrow grout line – 1/8"
- ◆ Avoid getting thinset on the surface of the tile
- ◆ Follow chalk line guides in one direction using whole tiles. Be sure to check for squareness, alignment and lippage on every tile.
- ◆ We recommend to cover the tiles once placed in the thinset with plastic while the thinset is drying, to control the humidity and prevent any warping of the tiles.
- ◆ Flexible adhesive is recommended for areas subject to sudden changes in temperature
- ◆ Flexible adhesive is recommended for outdoor grouting
- ◆ Grout (if applied) must be cleaned with just water and a sponge once it starts drying. *do not let grout dry on the surface

Use in Wet Areas:

- ◆ When installed in areas where water will be frequently present, proper sloping should be done prior to installation to provide proper water evacuation, and to prevent water from staying for a long period of time on the tiles without drying properly

*for any additional questions, please contact info@balux.ca