

SPECIFICATIONS

Oasis Glazed Terra Cotta Tiles

Oasis tiles are a low fired handmade terra cotta tiles from Morocco, crafted using generations old methods. The clay is extracted from very specific quarries in the region - then mixed with water and kneaded and molded by hand and dried in the sun. The glazes are made up of vitreous compounds extracted from nature, applied to the terra cotta, resulting in beautiful semitransparent, pearlescent and opaque shades. This unique tile has been around for hundreds of years and can be used in a variety of applications. Oasis is suitable for light duty floors, walls, showers and backsplashes.

INSTALLATION:

Due to the variety of different installation environments and conditions, it is recommended that installers consult with the TCNA (Tile Council of North American) Handbook for Ceramic Tile, Glass and Stone Installation.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

This is a handmade product – no two pieces are exactly alike. Expect range and variation. Expect small chips in the glaze, which exposes the terra cotta body. This does not compromise the integrity of the material and is to be expected. The Installer should always open all boxes to inspect the material prior to installation and pull from different boxes to achieve a blended look.

The use of trim and bullnose is not part of the tradition of this unique material and therefore is not available. There are several popular options for turning corners or terminating tiles:

1. Mitering the tiles to turn a corner or terminate the tile.
2. Slurry the grout at the end of a run to finish the end.
3. Many of the tiles have one side that is almost fully glazed that could be used as a bullnose.

Crazing is normal and should be expected. Crazing refers to the hairline cracks that may be visible on the face of the tile. This characteristic is normal with all ceramic tiles and is part of its inherent beauty and aesthetic.

GROUT JOINT:

A fairly tight grout joint, or as tight as the irregularity of the shape will allow, is recommended for optimum aesthetics and a historically correct finished product.

GROUT & SEALING:

It is recommended that this product be grouted for waterproofing and aesthetic purposes. Dark grout is not recommended as it may bleed into the tile over time and cause some discoloration. For best performance, we recommend sealing with DryTreat, Stain-Proof™ Premium Impregnating Sealer.

MAINTENANCE:

Use a very mild soap for general cleaning. Cleaning Products must be ph balanced, with no harsh chemicals or abrasives.