

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dimensions

Nominal dimensions for all Original Style tiles shown in this brochure are given in the introduction to each range. Owing to their deliberately rustic character, actual dimensions will vary from these figures.

With respect to 100x100mm (4" x 4") tiles however, you will need 100 tiles per square metre (81 tiles per square yard) plus a 5% allowance for wastage. All dimensions are subject to a tolerance of +2.5mm or 3/32".

Technical Specification

Original Style tiles conform to **BS EN14411**.

Shading

The distinctive yet subtle variations in shade within each tile, border or plaque and between individual pieces give a wonderful impression of depth to tiled areas. It is essential, therefore, to spend some time to achieve the most pleasing distribution of shades before fixing. There may also be subtle shade variations between the background colour on decorative tiles and their matching field tile due to their handmade nature.

Installation

Detailed installation methods for internal applications are specified in **BS5385 Part 1** and **ANSI A108**.

Original Style wall tiles are not recommended for exterior use.

For detailed advice on the particular adhesives to use in a variety of circumstances, please ask your supplier for the Original Style leaflet Ceramic Wall Tiles – Fixing and Cleaning Instructions (applicable in the UK only).

In the USA please follow the recommendations of a reputable adhesive manufacturer and always comply with American National Standards Institution (ANSI) specifications as set out in the Handbook for Ceramic Tile Installation published by the Tile Council of America.

Grouting

In all installations, seal joints with an impervious grout such as BAL Supergrout. If joints are not completely watertight, moisture can be absorbed into the tile body causing stains to show through the translucent glaze.

Use an average grout space of at least 3mm to allow for the variations in tile dimensions.

Cleaning

Wash down tiled surfaces with either clean water or a neutral (i.e. not acidic or alkaline) detergent. Dry off and polish with a dry duster. Please note, the use of certain acid based cleaning products may cause some of the tiles to react and change in character.

Laurel (Dark Green) and Graphite Glazed Tiles – Special Warning

Laurel tiles (see page 39) have a copper based glaze which is prone to discolouration by very mild acids often found in the home, for example lemon scented soaps. To minimise this, wash with clean water only and immediately wipe dry. These tiles are recommended for use in dry areas only.

Crazing

Highly glazed ceramic tiles may craze with time, and no guarantee can be given against this occurring. Tube-lined tiles, in particular, are more prone to this natural process and additional care should be taken as to where these are used. When used in wet areas, crazed tiles should be sealed with an impregnator to stop moisture penetrating the body of the tile and causing discolouration.

Tiles with the Lustre Effect

To ensure the long life of the hand-painted lustre effect on selected tiles (see pages 26 - 29), it is recommended that care be taken when fixing to avoid contact with grout. Cleaning with abrasive materials and strong acid or alkaline chemicals should also be avoided.

Use of tiles on counter top surfaces

Snowdrop, Clematis and Camellia field tiles are manufactured with a harder glaze than other colours. Accordingly, only these colours are suitable for counter top surfaces.

Do not forget, however, that if using these tiles on kitchen work surfaces, knives and other implements can still scratch the glaze so Original Style recommend the use of a chopping board or toughened glass surface protector when preparing food or carrying out similar tasks.

Additionally, it is important to fix the tiles with both an adhesive and grout that are impervious to water and easy to clean. For example, either BAL Grip or BAL Flex would be acceptable as adhesives with an epoxy grout such as BAL Easyepoxy Grout.

Photography

Owing to variations in studio lighting and printing inks, the tile colours shown in this brochure may differ slightly from those of the actual tiles. Before making your choice it is always advisable to ask your Original Style supplier to show you a sample.

Limits of liability

Original Style accepts no liability for the faulty installation of its tiles. In the case of any claim relating to the tiles themselves Original Style's liability, to the extent permitted by law, is limited to either the replacement of the product or a refund of the cost of the product, and does not extend to cover any consequential loss. Tiles must be inspected prior to installation and claims cannot be considered after the tiles have been installed.

Please be advised that installation constitutes acceptance of the quality, colour, texture, shade and size of tiles.

Original Style warrants that its tiles conform to their description and are fit for their purpose.

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Tiles used in this setting
 NN5900 - Graphite metallic field

