

Important Information

Please read through the following information carefully. It will help you select the correct mosaics for your application and will guide you through some of the installation and maintenance procedures.

Glass Mosaics

Dimensions

Nominal dimensions for all Original Style glass mosaics are shown throughout the brochure. Owing to their hand finished character, actual dimensions for individual mosaics may vary from these figures.

When calculating the number of tiles you will require, please do not forget to make an allowance for cutting and wastage.

Shading

As each tile is individually coloured, there may be distinctive yet subtle variations in shade. This is an inherent feature of Original Style's glass mosaics. You may wish, therefore, to spend some time to achieve the most pleasing distribution of shades before fixing. Differences between batches can be even more marked. For this reason we recommend that you buy all the tiles at one time.

The thickness of glass will also have an effect on the colour of the tile.

Installation

As with any other glass product, please ensure glass mosaics are handled with care, in particular, where tiles are being cut or have been broken. Also ensure that the surfaces do not come into contact with each other or sharp/abrasive objects. Appropriate safety precautions should be taken if cutting glass, including the use of protective equipment for hands and eyes.

Before commencing installation it is important to read and follow the **Mosaics Fixing Guide†** available from the Original Style website www.originalstyle.com

Slip-Resistance

Slip-resistance with glass tiles may not be adequate for use in high traffic wet conditions. Please refer to the Original Style Usage Guide on page 64.

Adhesive

As glass is fully vitrified (impervious to water), it is important to choose an adhesive that has a high polymer content. Please refer to the **Mosaics Fixing Guide†**.

A thin bed of adhesive should be used to prevent the adhesive coming through the joints. Adhesive must be applied evenly due to the transparent nature of some of the tiles. Always use a white adhesive with fully transparent mosaics such as those in the Mixed Blends range. Failure to do this can lead to the adhesive being visible through the tiles in certain lights.

Grouting

Particular care should be taken to use the correct grout. Read carefully and follow the manufacturer's instructions.

Original Style does not recommend using coloured grouts unless the adhesive supplier has stated that the coloured grout is suitable for use with glass mosaics. It is important to use a fine grade grout to avoid scratching the surface of glass mosaics.

Cleaning

Wash down glass mosaic surfaces with clean water, a normal spirit or alcohol based glass or window cleaner. Please ensure a soft cloth is used to avoid scratching.

Scratching

As with all glass products, glass mosaics can be scratched. We recommend that care is taken in installation and that glass mosaics are not put in high-risk areas for scratching.

Use of Glass Mosaics on counter top surfaces

Original Style does not recommend glass mosaics are used on counter tops due to the possibility of scratching (see above).

Use of Glass Mosaics near heat

Original Style recommends mosaics are installed a minimum of 3cm from any direct heat source.

Mixed Blends Mosaics

Sabober, Butajira, Shala, Garabaldi, Zukwala, Amoissa and Illampu contain transparent pieces. The mesh backing behind the "transparent pieces" should be removed during installation, due to the visibility of the mesh. Always use a white adhesive with this range.

Paper Faced Mosaics - The Island and Lagoon Collections

The Island and Lagoon Collections (pages 38-41) are paper faced and should be adhered in the usual way, with the paper facing outwards. Wet the paper and peel off before the setting material hardens to allow time to straighten the mosaics before they set. Due to the translucent nature of the glass, we recommend you choose a white adhesive, as it will have an effect on the overall look.

Stone Mosaics

Choose the right Stone Mosaics

Most of our Stone Mosaics are porous to some extent. If they are laid outside, it is possible water could be absorbed and the tiles then become susceptible to frost damage.

All stone is a natural product and subject to colour variation, blemishes, size variation and sometimes staining. We strongly recommend you read through the **Mosaics** or **Earthworks Fixing Guides†** (both available from www.originalstyle.com) to ascertain if the stone is appropriate for your proposed use. If you are uncertain please ask your Original Style retailer for further information. Original Style cannot accept any responsibility for issues raised in this Important Product Information or the appropriate Fixing Guide once the product has been laid or installed.

Colour Variation

These stone mosaics are made from natural products. It follows, therefore, that there may be some variation in colour from one tile to another. It also means that a single sample tile should not be taken as a completely accurate indication of colour.

The distinctive yet subtle variations in hue within each stone mosaic and between individual pieces enhances the character of the installation. Accordingly, we recommend that your fitter spends some time to achieve the most pleasing distribution of shades. Differences between batches can be even more marked. For this reason we recommend that you buy all the tiles at one time.

Blemishes

Similarly, due to the natural origins of these products, some of our stone mosaics may have minor chips or blemishes. Such relatively insignificant imperfections should be considered normal and not the result of poor or faulty workmanship.

Tile Sizes

Nominal sizes and thicknesses for each type of tile are given throughout the brochure. Due to the high degree of hand finishing, however, these should be treated as a guide only.

When calculating the number of tiles you will require, do not forget to make an allowance for cutting and wastage.

Installation

We strongly recommend that your fitter obtains the **Mosaics** or **Earthworks Fixing Guides†** and reads thoroughly prior to commencing any work. Both leaflets explain fully the steps necessary to plan, fix and seal your stone mosaics and how to maintain them in first class condition for years ahead.

In particular, it is important that the fitter understands the requirements for surface preparation, the pattern or blended effect you want and protecting newly laid tiles from ongoing work.

It is imperative that the substrate is reasonably level and that there should be no flexibility. If fixing on to wooden floors; they should be made as stable as possible with sheets of marine grade plywood. If using underfloor heating please refer to the underfloor heating manufacturer when installing. This is important, as different sizes and room settings will need different solutions. In particular, tiles/stone can be damaged (including cracking) if subjected to rapid heat changes causing thermal expansion/contraction. Accordingly, the use of underfloor heating may necessitate the use of expansion joints within the stone being laid on the floor.

† Applicable in the United Kingdom 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.

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Metal Mosaics

DUE TO THEIR METALLIC NATURE IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT A QUALIFIED ELECTRICIAN CARRIES OUT ALL ELECTRICAL WORK AROUND METAL MOSAICS.

Make sure that the grain of stainless steel is going in the same direction for all mosaic sheets otherwise it will affect the appearance of the installation.

Ceramic Mosaics

Colour Variation

The distinctive yet subtle variations in hue within each mosaic and between individual pieces enhances the character of the installation. Accordingly, we recommend that your fitter spends some time to achieve the most pleasing distribution of shades. Differences between batches can be even more marked. For this reason we recommend that you buy all the tiles at one time.

Tile Sizes

Nominal sizes and thicknesses for each type of tile are given throughout the brochure. Due to the high degree of hand finishing, however, these should be treated as a guide only.

When calculating the number of tiles you will require, do not forget to make an allowance for cutting and wastage.

Installation

It is important that the fitter understands the requirements for surface preparation, the pattern or blended effect you want and protecting newly laid tiles from ongoing work.

Power Showers

If using in a power shower it is important to use an adhesive and grout specifically for power showers.

Photography

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

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 and shade of the tiles.

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

Original Style makes no other express or implied warranty as to fitness or suitability of the products for particular installations. We extend no guarantees, express or implied, as to wear resistance or maintenance procedures.

Please note, the use of certain acid based cleaning products may cause some of the mosaics to react and change in character.

How Many Tiles Will You Need?

Once you have decided on a type and size of mosaic, calculate how many you will need by measuring the area to be tiled.

Nominal* Mosaic Sheet Size	Mosaic sheets per sq. metre	Mosaic sheets per sq. ft
160x270mm (6 5/16" x 10 5/8")	43	4
262x262mm (10 3/8" x 10 3/8")	14.6	1.4
270x270mm (10 5/8" x 10 5/8")	13.7	1.3
286x275mm (11 1/4" x 10 7/8")	12.7	1.2
296x296mm (11 11/16" x 11 11/16")	11.4	1.1
300x300mm (11 7/8" x 11 7/8")	11.1	1.0
302x287mm (11 7/8" x 11 5/16")	11.5	1.1
304x304mm (12" x 12")	10.8	1.0
305x285mm (12" x 11 1/4")	11.5	1.1
305x305mm (12" x 12")	10.7	1.0
310x310mm (12 1/4" x 12 1/4")	10.4	1.0
318x318mm (12 1/2" x 12 1/2")	9.9	0.9
327x327mm (12 7/8" x 12 7/8")	9.4	0.9

Nominal* Mosaic Sheet Size	Mosaic sheets per linear metre	Mosaic sheets per linear ft
200x200mm (7 7/8" x 7 7/8")	5.0	1.5
240x74mm (9 1/2" x 3")	4.2	1.3
270x30mm (10 5/8" x 1 1/4")	3.7	1.2
280x100mm (11" x 4")	3.6	1.1
280x125mm (11" x 5")	3.6	1.1
285x35mm (11 1/4" x 1 3/8")	3.5	1.1
290x125mm (11 3/8" x 5" x 3/8")	3.4	1.0
300x100mm (11 7/8" x 4")	3.3	1.0
300x45mm (11 7/8" x 1 3/4")	3.3	1.0
300x50mm (11 7/8" x 2")	3.3	1.0
300x70mm (11 7/8" x 2 3/4")	3.3	1.0
310x100mm (12 1/4" x 4")	3.2	1.0
320x90mm (12 5/8" x 3 1/2")	3.1	0.9
340x47mm (13 3/8" x 1 7/8")	2.9	0.9

* All above dimensions are subject to a tolerance of + 2.5mm or 3/32". Quantities shown exclude grout gaps between each sheet. When calculating the number of tiles you will require, do not forget to make an allowance for cutting and wastage.

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Company	Phone	Website
Arthur Bonnet (inside front cover)	0845 6009617 0033 (0) 2 51 45 75 75 (France)	www.arthur-bonnet.com
Bathstore.com	01392 410100	www.bathstore.com
China Blue	01803 860908	www.china-blue.co.uk
Colourwash	020 8944 6456	www.colourwash.co.uk
Cookshop	01392 258576	N/A
C P Hart	020 7902 1000	www.cphart.co.uk
Moko	01392 278800	www.mokodirect.co.uk
Orange Tree	01392 876688	www.orangetreeinteriors.co.uk
Poppys	01392 498519	www.poppysflowers.co.uk
Pure Indulgence	01395 577363	N/A

A Quick Guide to Usage

Page	Description	Walls	Floors	Showers/ Wet Rooms	Outdoor	Swimming Pools	Colour Variance
3-5	Plain & Mixed Glass Mosaics	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	A
6-8	Tumbled Beach Washed Mixed & Single Mosaics	✓	✓*	✓	✗	✗	A
9	Tumbled Earth Mixed 48mm	✓	✓*	✓	✗	✗	A
10-11	Tumbled Earth Single & Mixed Brickbond	✓	✓*	✓	✗	✗	A
12	Clear and Frosted Brickbond	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	A
13-14	Offset Sky Single Clear & Frosted	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	A
15-16	Offset Sky Mixed Clear & Frosted	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	A
17	Single Clear & Frosted	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	A
18	Frosted Pebble Mosaics	✓	✓*	✓	✗	✗	A
19-21	Random Pattern Clear & Frosted Mosaics	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	A
22-23	Clear & Tumbled Glass Borders	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	A
24-27	Iridescent Mosaics	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	B
28-29	Gold Fleck 20mm	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	B
30	Gold Fleck Mixed 20mm	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	B
31	Gold Fleck 10mm	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	B
32-33	Mixed Blends	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	B
34	Recycled Matt	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	B
35	Mixed Blend and Gold Fleck Borders	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	B
36	8 Tile Panel Mixed Glass	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	A
37	8 Tile Panel Mixed Blends & Recycled Matt	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	B
38-39	The Island Collection Gloss & Matt	✓	✓*	✓	✓	✓	B
40	The Lagoon Collection Natural & Pearl	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	B
41	The Lagoon Collection Silk	✓	✓*	✓	✓	✓	B
43	Metal Mosaics	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	A
45	Aegean Mosaics	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	A
47-53	Venetian Mosaics	✓	✓■	✓	✓▲	✗	B
54	Medallion Mosaics	✓	✓	✓	✓▲	✗	B
55	Stone Borders	✓	✓	✓	✓▲	✗	B
56	Stone Borders	✓	✓	✓	✓▲	✗	A
57	Stone, Glass & Metal Borders	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	A
58	Pebble Mosaics	✓	✓	✓◆	✓◆▲	✓◆	B
59	Rustic Mosaics	✓	✓	✓	✓▲	✗	C

NB. These are Original Style's recommendations and are not necessarily exhaustive.

Key to the Guide

Colour Variation

- A. **Limited:** relatively uniform but slight variations possible
- B. **Moderate:** background colour generally has some variations.
- C. **Considerable:** variegated in colour and veining. Allowances for blending during installation are strongly recommended.

* Bathroom floors only.

■ Please check suitability with your Original Style stockist.

▲ Most of our Stone Mosaics are porous to some extent. If they are placed outside it is possible water could be absorbed and the tile then become susceptible to frost damage.

◆ With the exception of Pink Oahu mosaic and border.