



INSTALLATION GUIDE

Thank you for purchasing Rookwood Pottery Architectural Tile! Our tiles are a handmade artisan product which can create a dynamic variation in the size, glaze and curvature of your tiles. We have defined tolerances to ensure you only receive the best of our tiles, but understanding the variation is essential to planning out your installation. This is not meant to be a step-by-step installation guide, but general precautions and tips on how to install and care for your Rookwood tile. We encourage you contract with a professional to perform your installation to ensure the longevity of your tile. If you need additional pieces please do not start the installation until you have received them to ensure complete blending of color. Since every tile order is handmade to order and unique, additional pieces may vary in color from your original order.

STEPS:

- 1) **INSPECT** Upon receipt of your tile order, you should carefully inspect and sort the tile from all boxes.
- 2) **IDENTIFY** Identify pieces that stand out and put them aside.
- 3) **MIX** Based on the variability of the glaze you selected, sort your tile in 3-5 piles by groups of color, darkness, and lightness. When laying out your installation, you should pull from each variation pile at an equal rate to ensure a blended composition in your final install.
- 4) **GROUT SPACING** Choose the correct grout width for your installation. If you worked with a Rookwood Design Consultant and opted to use our CAD Design Services, a recommended grout width would be specified in your design package.

- A) We recommend a minimum 1/8" grout line for smaller sizes, minimum 3/16" - 1/4" for medium to large sizes. (See below for specific recommendations.) In some cases, a wider grout line may be optimal to achieve the best installation based on your install location and acceptable variation in tile size.

HELPFUL HINT: Wider grout lines give flexibility to adjust for natural size variations and curvature, and can coax the eye into registering straighter lines.

HELPFUL HINT 2: Don't rely on one size spacers; shimming will help maintain level lines.

TILE SIZE	SUGGESTED GROUT WIDTH
9x6, 10x10, 8x8, 8x6	1/4"
1x1, 2x2, 2x1, 2x4, 2x6, 3x3, 1x3, Diamond, 7" Hex	1/8"
2x8, 3x6, 2x8, 2x10, 4x4, 4x8, 6x6, 4" Hex	3/16"

- 5) **TILE SETTING** We recommend using mortar for your adherent and Quartz Lock grout for either an interior or exterior installation. These are higher quality materials that will ensure a lasting installation. We strongly recommend that you do not use mastic since it does not bond well with our clay body and cannot guarantee a lasting installation.
 - A) Quartz Lock 2 Grout requires no sealing and is resistant to typical food stains and most household chemical products.
 - B) If the tile or installation surface is not flat, use a thicker layer of thinset or mortar to build up the tile.
 - C) Review the installation, making any additional adjustments for color/size before grouting.

6) PRE-SEAL AND PRE-GROUT

- A) Contact us for pre-grout seal recommendations by glaze.
- B) Test grout in an inconspicuous area before installation for color and aggregate mix.

7) POST-GROUT

- A) Take out spacers after mortar sets.
- B) Make sure to clean off extra mortar and grout along the way before it hardens.
- C) Grout haze should be cleaned off the surface of the tile immediately.