

VILLA LAGOON TILE ZELLIGE INSTALL TIPS



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Your new tile was skillfully handcrafted by our artisans and we encourage our clients to consult a skilled tile setter for the installation.

Unlike machined tile, our Zellige is hand-formed. This traditional method of tile making allows the natural charm of the clay to be celebrated. These edge irregularities and the natural unevenness of Zellige will be tricky to work with for the beginner.



1. PREP THE SURFACE

Ensure the surface to be tiled is clean and level.



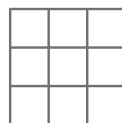
2. PULL TILES FROM DIFFERENT BOXES

To work with the variation from tile to tile and box to box, it is a good idea to pull out tiles from several boxes and mix them to achieve a good, balanced overall appearance.



3. USE A FLEXIBLE ADHESIVE

Use a flexible, high-bond adhesive or mortar to set the tiles. It is a good idea to apply adhesive to both the back of the tiles and the surface to be tiled, a common technique known as "back-buttering".



4. SET THE TILES

Set the tiles as closely together as possible with little to no gap. Do not use spacers. Because they are handmade, there will be some edge irregularities and height differences, so small gaps here and there are acceptable and can be filled with grout in a later step. As you lay the tiles, level them by hand trying to keep an average level.



5. CUT AS NEEDED

The tiles can be easily cut, if needed, using a standard wet tile saw with a diamond-tipped blade.



6. GROUT

After the tiles have been set, use a soft grout float to spread the grout over the tiles, and be sure to fill the spaces between tiles fully. We recommend a flexible liquid grout. After 20-30 minutes, the excess grout can be wiped off with a damp sponge or cloth. Always refer to the grout manufacturer's recommendations.



7. SHARE YOUR PROJECTS!

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OTHER INSTALLATION NOTES

- Zellige can be installed into wet areas such as showers and pools, but they will not make the surface waterproof, that step must be taken when preparing the substrate.
- Glazed Zellige doesn't need to be sealed but our series of unglazed tiles will require a penetrating sealant such as FilaFob.
- For floor applications, we recommend our Bejmat tile over Zellige because it has a thicker clay body and color layer. Standard glazed Zellige is only suitable for very light traffic.

