

FIXING BODJ WALL TILES

CHARACTERISTICS

Due to the organic nature of BODJ wall tiles, the hand production methods and the firing technique, each tile is unique.



Minor irregularities will occur in the shape, colour and tone of the tiles. These are all characteristic of this type of product and add to the unique appeal.

APPLICATION

BODJ wall tiles are suitable for interior walls, flat surfaces and fire surrounds. We do not recommend for outdoor usage or areas prone to damp or excess moisture - i.e bathrooms.

PREPARATION

BODJ wall tiles are supplied with an un-finished surface. Therefore it is important that the surface side is sponged with a sealant prior to fixing. We recommend resealing and polishing once the surface has been grouted and cleaned.

There is a good range of adhesives, grouts, impregnating sealers and polishes available on the market specifically for terracotta. These are available from any good hardware or tile store.

Our sample tiles are sealed with *Hagesan HG Impregnating sealer*.

A 50/50 mix of turpentine and boiled linseed oil also makes for a good, natural sealant. This tends to give a paler colour than HG products.

Hagesan HG also sell a wide range of cleaners and

terracotta wax polish. Visit the website for further details www.hginternational.com Hagesan HG terracotta wax natural is especially recommended for polishing the tiles.

FIXING

The handmade nature of BODJ tiles means the installation requires a little more care than the fixing of machine made tiles.

The surface must be sound and dry before the tiles are fixed. If the surface is damp the tiles may not bond and moisture can penetrate and create blooms beneath the seal.

It is advisable to lay out and cut (where necessary) the tiles before fixing them. This allows you to sort through the impressions and colour variations to achieve the best composition.

Due to the minor irregularities in the tiles we recommend a generous spread of adhesive to give room for slight levelling adjustments whilst fixing the tiles. Once fixed, grouted and dried, for the recommended amount of time (refer to the instructions on your tile adhesive), the tiles can be resealed and polished.

Using tiles within a fireplace

Because of the handfired nature of BODJ wall tiles we recommend that any exposed edges are framed to prevent chipping.

MAINTAINING YOUR WALL TILES

Wipe the tiles on a regular basis with warm soapy water. Periodic polishing helps to build a deep patina and enriches the tone and colour of the tiles over time.

If you have any further queries please telephone 01983 537760 and ask to speak with a technical advisor.