

# Zellige

Zellige is a traditional Moroccan tile handcrafted with non-refined natural clay from the Fez region. Zellige features a distinctive imperfect appearance due to slight variations in size, color and other inconsistencies, giving each tile a special one-of-a-kind look and feel. Zellige tiles can be used for all applications, including interior and exterior walls and floors.

## Key Features:

- Each Zellige tile is uniquely its own with variations in color due to the traditional, ancient hand-glazing process.
- The process of firing Zellige tiles often causes crazing—an intricate network of small hairline cracks—on the surface of the glazed tiles.
- Each Zellige tile is chiseled by hand which can lead to variation in width, length and thickness.
- The raw materials and timeless methods used to make Zellige tiles can result in pits within the glaze, and many may contain cracks, crazing and edge-chipping—this is to be expected, is suitable for install, and lends itself to the traditional appearance of Zellige.

## Steps to Install Zellige Tile:

First, inspect your order for any potential breakage. Keep in mind that the signature appearance of Zellige comes from color variation and chipping, but broken tile should not be installed. Once all boxes have been inspected, mix all of the product together to achieve the best overall blend of color and imperfections—this will look better than installing box-by-box.

1. Soak each tile in clean water for 1-2 minutes.
2. Apply a layer of thinset to your installation area, and apply another layer of thinset to the back of the tile.
3. Press the tiles into place one at a time. It is highly recommended to install Zellige tiles as closely together as possible, without the use of joints or tile spacers.
4. Make tile cuts using a score-and-snap tile cutter or a tile saw.
5. Use unsanded grout to fill any space between tiles, pits, chips and cracks. Be sure to wipe away any excess.
6. Seal the cured grout for best results.

## Additional Tips:

- Zellige is a glazed terracotta that does not need to be sealed, and excess sealer from treating grout or other surrounding surfaces should be wiped away.
- Irregularities in height of the Zellige tile may result in edges and corners that can catch rags and sponges when cleaning.
- The final overall appearance of installed Zellige tile typically shows little to no grout.

