

INSTALLATION GUIDELINES AND CONDITIONS OF PURCHASE



Pebble Series | **STACKED PEBBLE TILE**

Please read carefully before installing.

Stacked Pebble Tile is designed to give maximum stone exposure to the pebble surface without compromising strength. These tiles are manufactured with secure tile adhesion and durability in mind. The product is to be grouted and is suitable for any cladding surface.

Inspection

No two pieces of natural stone are exactly alike. Tiles must be inspected prior to installation to ensure that no blending is required. **No claims will be accepted after installation.** Use of product implies acceptance.

Substrate Preparation

In order to achieve good adhesive bond, be sure to identify any surface contaminants that may be present and remove. Tile Connection Stacked Pebble is approximately 7 lbs./sq. ft. installed, and in some instances may require structural angle support. An engineer's opinion may be needed for weight-bearing walls.

Waterproofing

As required for interior or exterior application, it is strongly recommended that membrane systems be used in all wet areas.

Adhesive

Use a thin-set tile adhesive with no vertical slump

Grout

Cruz Bay Studio recommends sanded grout with a grout additive for flexibility and improved adhesion.

- Natural grey color gives good results, but any matching color is fine to use.
- Approximately 1.25 lbs. of sanded grout per sq. ft.

Tools

- Soft grouting sponge and other typical grouting tools
- Notched trowels
- Two brushes – a stiff whisk-brush and a soft paint brush

Installing the Tile

- Tiles should be brick stacked.
- Ensure pebble lines run even and parallel by marking the substrate with a guideline.

- Press tile firmly into tile-set by hand, then tap with a rubber backed grouting tool to ensure full contact with thin-set adhesive.
- The pebbles should be vertical to the substrate.

Pre-Grout Sealing

To ensure the best possible installation, an appropriate penetrating sealer should be used as a grout-release prior to grouting.

Grouting

- Allow a one-day drying period prior to grouting.
- Apply a fairly "stiff" sanded grout with a rubber backed grouting tool.
- Allow grout to dry to a granulated stage.
- Sponge surface grout away.
- Brush grout out to desired depth with a "firm" bristled whisk-brush. This removes much more grout than just normal sponging.
- At least half the depth of each pebble should be visible before going to the next step.
- Sponge deeply again.
- Final brushing with a softer "wet paint brush" to smooth the recessed grout deep between the pebbles.
- Final sponging of pebble tops.

Cleaning and Sealing

- After one day's drying, remove any remaining cement film with a chemical grout remover.
- A quality penetrating and/or stone-enhancing sealer should be applied for a long lasting finish to the stone and grout.

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All installations of Stacked Pebble Tile should meet or exceed the guidelines and specifications as outlined by the Tile Council of North America.

Refer to www.tileusa.com for information regarding the guidelines.



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How to grout Stacked Pebble Tile



Stiff grout mixture with acrylic additive



Apply deep into spaces between pebbles



Sweep with short bristle brush



Deeply sweep with longer bristle brush



Smooth between pebbles with a paint brush



Sponge linearly with a segmented sponge



Allow to dry for a couple of hours



Brush to clean grout remnants



Final brushing