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Bolder Wall Tile Specs & Installation Instructions

Please review all instructions prior to the installation of Bolder Wall Tiles.

Tools and Supplies Needed:

- Protective eyewear or safety goggles
- Measuring tape
- Straightedge or carpenters square
- Pencil
- Level
- Large tin snips & utility knife
- Chisel and hammer (optional)

For best results, have a plan for installation. Evaluate your project area for the following:

Is the substrate of the installation area clean and level? Additional instructions are under the SUBSTRATE/SURFACE PREPARATION section.

Measure out the area and decide which direction/pattern to install the Bolder Wall Tile. There are additional instructions under the PRODUCT INSTALLATION section.

SUBSTRATE/SURFACE PREPARATION

Bolder Wall Tiles can be installed over most structurally sound substrates if they are clean, dry, smooth and free of dust, wax, soap scum and grease. Acceptable substrates are drywall, plaster, cement, cement fiber board, plywood, glass, ceramic tile and aluminum-plastic panel. It is recommended to fill any cracks or irregularities with a joint compound or spackling, then coat entire substrate with a latex or oil-based primer. Please note: unlevel or irregular areas of the substrate could be noticeable after wall tile installation.

PRODUCT INSTALLATION

Bolder Wall Tiles can be installed in a staggered or subway pattern. To organize the desired pattern, it is recommended to lay out the entire project on a flat surface before adhering to the substrate. Pull planks from different cartons when organizing the pattern, to insure a pleasant blending of colors from possibly different production runs. Slight color variations are normal due to the composition of natural stone and clay powders. **When planning areas needing cut tiles, it is advisable to always abut factory edges together and cut edges towards the edge of the project area.**

Smaller projects with a level floor or base can begin with the bottom row of tile and work upwards. Large projects, an entire wall of Bolder Wall Tiles or areas with uneven flooring, should begin at approximately 18 inches from the highest point of the floor. Use a level to draw a line across the substrate. The tiles of the first row should be installed with the top edge following the guide line across the entire width of the project area. Peel the top portion of the adhesive's protective backing down only two to three inches along the top of the tile,



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align the tile to the guide line, press the top gently and slowly peel the protective backing down and away. Caution: The tile's protective paper is very slippery, be sure to keep it away from underfoot.

Please note: Do not apply pressure to the tile until you are sure of your placement. The adhesive on the back side of Bolder Wall Tiles is designed to be active-bonding and pressure-sensitive; it does not allow for repositioning after applying pressure. Once the tile is pressed into place it can only be removed with a heat gun. Make sure the tile does not fold over onto itself as this can cause the backing to stretch and produce gaps between the tiles.

Complete the entire first row below the guide line before continuing to other rows. See the Cutting Tiles section for recommendations on how to cut Bolder Wall Tile. Using the same method as above, complete each row beneath the guide row to the floor. Any gaps at the bottom can later be covered with molding or caulking. Continue the rows above the guide row by peeling the adhesive paper up from the bottom portion of the tile a few inches along the bottom of the tile only, align the tile to the top of your guide row, press the bottom gently and slowly peel the protective backing up and away. Periodically check to make sure each row stays level.

CUTTING TILES

When cutting tiles, always plan to abut factory edges together and any cut edges towards the adjacent wall or edge of the project area. Keeping the adhesive paper in place; measure, mark with a pencil, and cut using any of the following methods. Tin Snips are the preferred method of cutting tiles and are good to cut straight lines. A utility knife and a straight edge work very well when cutting small areas of tile. A chisel and hammer are good when making small notches in the tile or to make angled cuts after using the tin snips. Position your chisel directly on your pencil line and gently tap the chisel through the tile with a hammer or mallet. Regardless of method, please review all manufacturer's safety instructions prior to beginning.

CLEANING TILES

Clean the tiles as needed using a wet soft cloth. A soft brush may help remove dust on the edges and grooves.

REMOVING TILES

If the tiles need to be removed, apply heat with hair dryer or hot air gun to soften the adhesive backing. Then slowly peel the tile from the wall. Wipe away any leftover adhesive with thinner (banana oil). Please note that removed tiles may be unusable.

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