

SEASIDE PEBBLE TILE GUIDELINES

DISCLAIMER: This is a general guideline only. Please consult a tile installer if you have any questions or have never installed before.

Materials:

- Notched trowel
- Thin set mortar
- Natural stone and grout sealer
- Sanded grout
- Damp Sponge
- Rubber Float

Preparation: Area of application should be flat, clean and free of contaminants. For wet areas a reinforced waterproof membrane is recommended. Pitching a floor to a drain should have a minimum fall of 2 inches.

Installation:

- No two pieces of natural stone are exactly alike. All tiles must be inspected prior to installation to ensure that no blending is required. If you see a particular pebble on the tile that is not to your liking, simply remove it from the mesh backing and replace with a pebble from one of your extra tiles.
- Apply thin set mortar to desired area with notched trowel. (no more than 3 SF at one time)
- Place tiles on mortar in interlocking pattern. At this point you can help the interlocking pattern hide the seams. Simply remove any pebble on the edge of the tile that may be placed incorrectly and move into desired place. Lightly tap the tile down; be sure all pebbles are in contact with the thin set.
- Seal the tiles with the stone sealer. Color and shine enhancers can also be applied at this time, if required or desired.
- Allow sealer to dry completely. (usually overnight)
- Apply a sanded grout on small sections at a time until entire area is covered. Thoroughly pack the grout into all of the gaps.
- Pull rubber float across the top of the pebble to remove the majority of the grout.
- Sponge off grout until desired look is reached.
- When grout completely dries (see grout instructions) seal the tile a final time. If dirty, clean tile before sealing.

~ Maintenance and care instructions on back

SEALERS AND CLEANING

- It is recommended that the pebbles be sealed with a quality stone sealer before and after grouting. Stone sealer is available at your local home center/hardware store. Additional applications may be required in areas where there will be water.
- To maintain ease of maintenance of natural stone, it is recommended that sealants be applied every 2 years.
- Whenever using sealants and cleaners, ensure you follow the manufacturer's recommended method of application.
- The pebbles can be cleaned with neutral mild detergents, a weak vinegar solution, or a 10% hydrochloric acid solution mixed with water. Apply with a stiff bristled brush and then rinse off thoroughly with water.
- The porosity or water absorption in pebbles (natural stone) varies, and therefore staining will occur in different degrees if the stone is unsealed. Consequently, any spills should be cleaned quickly to lessen the degree of the stain. Sealers are highly recommended.