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Installation and Care of Digital Art Reproduction Tile Murals **IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ BEFORE INSTALLATION**

Your tile mural is special and should be given special treatment just as you would a fine art piece or an expensive item of furniture. Although the tile surface is extremely scratch resistant, it is not scratch proof. Care should be taken to avoid scratching the tile surface.

Do not let the imaged face of one tile be touched by the backside of another (do not stack the tiles directly on top of each other). Do not lay your imaged tiles face down on any hard surface. If you need to lay your tiles face down lay them on a towel.

Installing your mural tiles:

Your tile mural is meant to be installed on the wall only (not on the floor). The tiles are perfectly suitable for any indoor wall application (wet or dry) and outdoors in shaded areas only that do not receive direct sunlight.

You can use any tile adhesive that is mixed with water only and is water clean up to mount your tiles. You can also use pre-mixed tile adhesive. Do not allow the adhesive to dry on the faces of the tiles. Wipe the tile clean of all adhesive that gets on the faces of the tiles immediately after adhering the tiles to the wall. Do not apply any type of tape to the face of the tiles as the chemicals used for the adhesive of the tape may have an adverse effect on the design.

You must use **UNSANDED** grout to prevent scratching the surface of the tiles. Unsanded grout is the standard for wall tile applications. You can use any color grout that you like. Most people use the same color grout that they use on the rest of the walls that are being tiled. Do not use any spacers for the grout line. The tiles have built in spacer nubs on the sides so they will space themselves leaving a very thin straight grout space. Use a rubber float when grouting the tiles with **UNSANDED** grout. After applying the grout, remove the excess grout from the tile faces immediately with a grout sponge or cellulose sponge and water. Do not allow the grout to dry on the faces of the tiles. Wipe the tiles clean of all grout residue immediately following the grouting of the tiles. Use water only to mix dry powder grout – do not use a grout additive. You can also use a pre-mixed grout. Be sure to use a soft RUBBER float for applying the grout.

Do not apply sealer to the tiles. The sealer will not penetrate the ceramic tiles as this tile type is non-porous on the face and will not absorb the sealer. If you want to seal the grout of the mural, apply the sealer to the grout lines only with a thin brush and immediately wipe off any sealer that gets on the tile face before it dries. Use a soft cloth or sponge to wipe the sealer off the tile faces.

General Cleaning:

For everyday cleaning normally soap and warm water works best or you can use any regular non-abrasive household cleaner (such as Windex, Mr. Clean, 409 etc.)* and a soft cloth or sponge. Do not use Ajax* cleaner or any cleaner that is abrasive. Do not use cleaners that contain acid such as Zap brand* cleaner. Do not use steel wool or any type of abrasive sponge. Good old warm soapy water and a regular cellulose sponge is usually all that is needed to clean the tiles. Clean and treat your imaged tiles just as you would the surface of non-stainless steel appliances (like your microwave, dishwasher, stove and refrigerator surface) and enjoy their beauty for years.

Thank you for your purchase. If we can be of further assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.

*The Tile Mural Store does not endorse or recommend any brand of cleaner or the cleaner itself. Plain hand or dish soap (not soap meant to be used inside of a dishwasher) and warm water along with a soft sponge are the best materials to clean your tiles.

Introduction

The following information is intended as an overview of the tile installation process. It is not meant as a step-by-step instruction manual, but rather as a way to familiarize yourself with the basic process. Carefully follow all instructions provided by the manufacturers of your setting materials to ensure success.