

METAPHOR BRONZE



Inspection

The owner or end user is responsible for determining the acceptability of the product. Due to the handmade nature of our bronze tiles, a certain amount of variation in color, shade and tone is to be expected. Please open and inspect each box of tile upon delivery. No adjustments will be made after installation.

Installation

We recommend that a professional tile installer be used to install our product. Use a latex-modified thin set mortar such as TEC 393 or like material. Under no circumstances should a pre-mixed latex/grouting product be used. Other applications, such as molding for a wooden counter top, will require construction adhesive or an epoxy (LATICRETE 310 works great!). Small amounts of hot glue plus the adhesive works best. The hot glue holds the piece in place until the adhesive sets up. For fire surrounds where the tile is to be applied on the surface of the brick, we recommend a high temperature Silicone adhesive with the hot glue technique. For setting in stone, we recommend high temperature brick mortar. We do not recommend that the bronze tile be installed inside the firebox; only the outside surround should be decorated.

Grouting

You can use sanded grout with our tiles, but please be aware that the patina (oxidation) and colored wax sealer can be removed if you are not careful. Use lots of water and a soft sponge to remove grout. If grout gets into the detail of the bronze tile, be gentle in rubbing it out, especially with sanded grout, as the patina can be removed by vigorous rubbing. Use a small brush, such as an old toothbrush, and lots of water.

Cutting

Bronze is a soft metal, comprised primarily of copper. Thus, our tiles may be cut with a hack saw, jig saw (saber) or band saw, using a bi-metal blade.

Care

All bronze will age or mellow with time. The use of a white scotch bright hand pad, available at most auto supply stores, will polish the highlights of the tile and return them to their original brightness. To preserve the color (patina) of the tile, you must periodically wax your bronze. You may do this as often as you like, or let the tiles age naturally for an older look. We recommend using a neutral wax as a preservative. Kiwi shoe polish is a very good and hard wax. With a small brush, sparingly apply the polish to the surface of the tile, making sure to get into the detail. Allow to completely dry -- no more greasiness -- then rub with a soft cloth to shine. **NEVER USE ABRASIVE OR SOLVENT CLEANERS** on the bronze, as this will remove the patina. Use water only if absolutely necessary to clean.

Thank you for choosing Metaphor Bronze.
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