

Guide to Working with Reclaimed Encaustic Tiles

If you choose to lay the tiles yourself the following directions are intended for professional tradesmen. Please consult a professional in all cases.

For detailed instructions for cleaning and sealing (different areas can require different sealants) our tiles please refer to Eco Protec. Sealants by EcoProtec (UK specialists) can be bought through Maitland & Poate with your order. For detailed instructions of Ecoprotec cleaning and sealing products please refer to <https://ecoprotec.co.uk>

- When cutting the tiles use a diamond cutter or angle grinder or other tools suitable for encaustic cement tiles.
- Some of the tiles can weigh up to 2kg each and are usually 20 cm x 20 cm x 1.7 cm (tiles can be 25cm x 25cm, 30cm x 30cm or 40cm x 40cm)

Working with our antique encaustic tiles still requires sealing but they are in a much more forgiving state since they are old have and already been treated with products and are not as sensitive as a new untreated tile. Plus they of course have an old aged patina already.

- 1 . Make sure the area where the tiles are to be laid is void of dust and moisture.
- 2 . Apply your adhesive to the floor with a notched trowel and lay you tile. We recommend a 1-2mm spacer for a thin grout line so as not to interrupt the pattern on the tile.
- 3 . Allow the adhesive to full dry – once the adhesive and tile are fully dry then you can apply your first coat of sealant (please refer to Ecoprotec

for the relevant product – we recommend Natural Stone Sealer by Ecoportec in most cases).

- 4 . Once the sealant has been applied then you can grout your tiles. You must make sure they have been sealed before grouting to prevent the dye within the grout being absorbed into and staining the tiles.
- 5 . Once grouted and the grout has dried apply two more coats of sealant.

NOTE: If after laying the tile and before sealing you need to clean the tile at all you can give them a light sand using a fine sandpaper to remove any extra marks. Then with a very lightly dampened cloth wipe them clean. You don't want to make the tile too wet since you need it FULLY dry before sealing so that you do not trap moisture in the tile

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