

CORKWALL FITTING GUIDE



Transforming your room has never been easier. Create a wow-factor wall with CorkWall by following these simple steps.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- CorkWall tiles
- Pencil
- Calculator
- Tape measure
- Metal safety ruler
- Sharp utility knife
- PPE
- Masking tape
- Newspaper
- Spirit level
- J-Roller
- Grab Adhesive
- Notched trowel

GET TO KNOW YOUR TILES

- Tile size: 300mm (H) x 600mm (W) x 3mm (D)
- Tiles per pack: 11
- Pack coverage: 1.98m²

CALCULATE YOUR COVERAGE

1. Measure the height and width of your chosen wall in metres. If the wall has an irregular shape, break up the area into smaller sections, and measure the height and width of each one.
2. Multiply the height and width measurements together to calculate the total square meterage of your wall. For irregular-shaped walls, multiply the height and width of each smaller section, then add all the totals together.
3. Multiply your total square meterage by 1.1 to add 10% – this allows a small margin of error for any cuts or damage that may accidentally occur during installation.
4. Calculate how many packs of CorkWall tiles you'll need by dividing your square meterage by 1.98. Round this number up to get your total.

PLAN AHEAD

1. Remove any screws, nails or fixtures from your wall.
2. Make sure your wall is clean, smooth and level.
3. Unbox all your packages and check the tiles.
4. Place the packs of tiles on a flat surface in your installation room and leave them to acclimatise for 48 hours.
Important: this step is essential for successful installation. Due to the nature of cork, the tile can expand and contract depending on your room's temperature.
5. After the acclimatisation period, decide on your layout.
Top tip: mix up the tiles to achieve your desired blend of shade and pattern.



GET STUCK IN

1. Wear appropriate PPE, such as gloves, goggles and a dust mask, during installation.
2. Protect any nearby walls, floors and furniture with newspaper and masking tape.
3. Find the centre of your wall using a tape measure.
4. Use a spirit level and pencil to mark a line across the centre.
5. Make sure your wall is clean, dry and free from dust or loose debris.
6. Place your first tile pack face-down on top of leftover packaging or scrap cardboard.
7. Using a notched trowel, apply a thin, even layer of grab adhesive to the back of your first tile.
Top tip: One tube of adhesive covers approx. 1 pack of CorkWall
8. Put it aside and repeat for all the tiles in your pack, working in small sections at a time.
9. Position your first tile along the line and press lightly to secure it. Adjust if needed before the adhesive sets.
10. Once you're happy with the positioning, grab your J-Roller and apply firm pressure across the tile to secure it.
11. Continue using this method until your first row is complete. Ensure the joints are flush and the tile is level each time. If you need to resize some of your tiles to fit, follow the 'Make The Cut' steps above. Top tip: we recommend installing your tiles in a brick pattern for a natural effect. Repeat this method for each row.
12. When finished, grab your J-Roller and apply firm pressure across the wall to maximise adhesion.

Top tip: if you're installing CorkWall tiles on the ceiling, use the same technique as installing them on walls.

MAKE THE CUT

When you reach the end of a row or the horizontal edges of your wall, some tiles may need cutting to fit. Here's how to resize a tile:

1. Measure the size of the space.
2. Mark the measurements on the tile with a pencil.
3. Lay the tile on top of a cutting mat.
4. Align your metal ruler with the line and apply pressure so the tile doesn't move.
5. Cut the tile with a sharp utility knife. You may need to repeat this step to ensure a clean, complete cut.

Top tip: take care when cutting and keep your hands clear of the blade, especially if you're cutting an irregular shape.

TEND TO YOUR TILES

- To keep your tiles looking their best, we recommend wiping them with a soft, damp cloth instead of using abrasive cleaners or chemicals.
- To remove tiles and spray adhesive residue, use a scraper tool then sand the wall for a smooth finish

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

Stand back and marvel at your beautiful wall. We're here to help with your wall transformation. If you have any questions about installing CorkWall, please contact our customer service team at info@naturewall.com.

