

# **INSTALL GUIDE - STACKED STONE - CORK WALL TILES**

#### PREPARATION / ACCLIMATIZATION

Open cartons must be at job site for 48 hours prior to installation. Substrates can be drywall, plywood, particleboard, brick or cured dry concrete. Substrate must be clean, dry, smooth, & moisture and dust free prior to installation.

### **WALL TILE INSTALLATION**

For best wall tile installation results, mix tiles from various cartons to maintain natural variation of pattern and best match at the seams with installed tiles. The cork strips vary greatly in width (1/8" to 2") and thickness (1/8" to 3.5") and are unique for each tile. A table saw should be used to cut these wall tiles.

# **APPLICATION OF ADHESIVE**

<u>Use Liquid Nails "FUZE IT"</u>. This adhesive is GREENGUARD Gold certified and has a fast-acting strong bond to virtually any surface for wall or ceiling applications. The adhesive is available at Home Depot & Lowe's. <u>Coverage is one 9-10 oz.</u> caulking tube per 20 sqft. Apply a ½" bead of adhesive around the backside perimeter of the wall tile and from all corners to the center forming an "X". Apply pressure to cork in every direction in order to set the tiles. We also recommend using "brad nails" or "headless nails" to secure the tile flat on the wall at least until the adhesive fully secures the tile flat. The nails will likely not be seen as they may penetrate into the stacked stone tile (or you may remove them after 24 hours).

# **WALL TILE FINISHING**

These wall tiles are without a finish. You may spray (use a regular spray bottle) a food grade mineral oil made by Howard labeled "Butcher Block & Cutting Board Oil". <a href="http://howardproducts.com/cutting-board-oil/">http://howardproducts.com/cutting-board-oil/</a> available at Home Depot or Lowe's paint Dept.

Flame Stop, Inc. (800)397-7867 produces a fire retardant that can be sprayed on to unfinished tiles. The products identification is Flame Stop II. <a href="http://www.flamestop.com/cart/fire-retardant-spray-for-wood.html">http://www.flamestop.com/cart/fire-retardant-spray-for-wood.html</a>

## **CLEANING & MAINTENANCE**

Tiles can be vacuum cleaned. Cork wall tiles, like any other wood or, will fade if exposed to direct sunlight for prolonged periods of time.