



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

Use a strong CONTACT ADHESIVE such as **Dritac 6200** (OR **Welwood Contact Cement – Gel formula**, as used for laminate counter tops and available at Home Depot or Lowe's). **The adhesive must be applied using a FOAM ROLLER to both the wall and the back of the tiles.** Apply a thin coat (**same as painting**) to both surfaces. The spread rate is about 100sqft per gallon. **You must allow about 15min. for the adhesive to become "tacky" on BOTH the back of the tiles AND the wall** (the use of a fan speeds the "tackiness" time). **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 cork (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". <http://howardproducts.com/cutting-board-oil/> 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. <http://www.flamestop.com/cart/fire-retardant-spray-for-wood.html>

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.