

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. You will need: White Ceramic Tile Thin-set, Snow white Polymer Modified grout, 3- buckets (one for water, one for thin-set, one for grout) 1-Lg. & 1-Sm. smooth sponge, level, pencil, hand mixer, towels, rubber gloves, trowel, razor knife.
2. Make sure the surface that you are installing on is clean and mostly dry if possible.
3. Release vacuum-sealed mosaic from cardboard backer by cutting around outer edge of mosaic with razor knife while leaving the plastic over the mosaic for now. The screen backing will stay on your mosaic also.
4. Choose a location for your mosaic. Do not let back of mosaic get wet.
5. Keep in mind not to choose a location that has too much of a curve or is less than 24" down from the bottom of your waterline tile. Also keep mosaics 2" away from all other tile to leave room for the plaster crew to work around mosaic.
6. Hold your mosaic up in a location you like and trace an outline approximately ¼" away from outside edge of mosaic with a construction pencil.
7. Make sure to leave good clear marks that are easy to remember and easy to see (after you put down your thin-set) at some of the main points of the mosaic.
8. For larger mosaics, you may want to cut your mosaic in half or in sections for easier placement and installation if you are alone.
9. Slowly and carefully remove vacuum seal plastic by peeling it back from mosaic. Watch for any pieces stuck in plastic after unpackaging.
10. Trim away any excessive screen remaining around mosaic. Leave the screen backing on your tiles for installation.
11. For INDOOR or covered area applications: Apply a generous layer of "Ceramic Tile Mastic" to the back of your mosaic (right on top of the screening) but not so much mastic as to allow the mastic to push through and between the pieces not allowing room for the grouting stage of this process. Allow Mastic to dry for at least 2-4 hours, preferably overnight before grouting.
12. For OUTDOOR or in POOL installations: Make sure to mix thin-set really well. Apply a 1/2" thick bed of "Ceramic Tile Thin-set" inside the outline that you traced in step five. Your thin-set bed should be moist but not runny and able to support the weight of the mosaic without settling. Be careful not to let the surface of your thin-set bed dry out before you lay on the mosaic. Allow thin-set to dry for at least 2-4 hours, preferably overnight.
13. The idea is to end up with the face of your mosaic to be about ½" from the surface of the pool. For wall applications...The face of the mosaic should be the same height off the wall as the waterline tile.
14. Position your mosaic and press into place, making sure to apply pressure over all pieces while keeping the pieces flat.
15. Carefully wipe off any excess Mastic or Thin Set from all glazed mosaic surfaces while still partially wet.
16. Grouting: Once your thin-set has dried, use Snow White Sanded Grout (recommended). Your grout should be on the wet or runny side. (Not too watery) Mix well and apply generously over the entire mosaic, pushing down and filling all the seams or grout joints with your fingers. In a circular motion use a semi-damp sponge to wipe excess grout off of your tiles.
17. For "NON-POOL" applications: After grouting all the internal seams of your mosaic, begin applying grout along all the outer edges with your fingers. Then with a sponge, work the grout up onto the sides of your mosaic and into a beveled edge all around the exposed sides of your mosaic. When completely grouted and beveled, remove all excess grout using a circular motion with your semi-damp sponge. Rinsing out your sponge often. Allow your mosaic to dry for half an hour or so. Then with a soft towel buff your tiles to a polished shine.
18. Stand back and ENJOY!