



INFORMATION & GUIDELINES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE CHIAROSCURO MOSAICS

RECOMMENDED INSTALLATION

The Chiaroscuro Collection is available exclusively to SOLI in the United States in two different colors. These through-body porcelain mosaics can be used in various combinations, adding depth and dimension to walls through modern Japanese design.

SUBSTRATES

All substrates should be firmly fixed, flat, clean, dry and free of contaminants such as dust, oil, paint, sealers etc. to ensure proper adhesion. Painted surfaces must be scuffed or sanded for the product and adhesive to bond correctly. Wet areas need special attention and require appropriate substrates, e.g. concrete, cement boards (compressed sheet), and/or treated plywood.

WATERPROOF MEMBRANES

Waterproof membranes prevent leakage of water through to the sub-floor or framing and/or habitable spaces below. Particular attention must be paid to: carrying the membrane up the wall, outside shower boxes, installation of bond breakers, and sealing around penetrations. It is strongly recommended that membrane systems be used in all wet areas. Some systems may involve the use of a primer.

CUTTING

Cuts can be best done with a wet saw suitable for porcelain tile. The tiles are mounted to a flexible backing, which can also be trimmed with scissors or a blade.

ADHESIVE

Follow the adhesive manufacturer's instructions carefully. We do not recommend one brand of adhesive over another. Please check with your local tile supply store for alternative and comparable products.

The adhesive manufacturer's literature will explain if the adhesive product is suitable for interiors and/or exteriors, as well as walls and floors. Most thinset mortars (multi purpose and polymer modified thinsets) are adequate for installing ceramic tile. A cement-based adhesive is generally suitable on masonry substrates where no movement is anticipated. Where slight movement could occur through thermal or pedestrian loads, a modified cement adhesive should be used as a minimum. A 1/4" – 1/8" notch trowel is recommended for most applications.



GROUTING

Generally grout is not necessary for the installation of the Chiaroscuro Collection. For best results, we recommend a butt jointed installation. If small cracks or seams exist in between the mosaic sheets, a non-sanded grout similar in color to the porcelain can be used to fill the gaps.

SEALANTS

It is not necessary to seal this porcelain tile.

CARE & CLEANING

The Chiaroscuro Collection must be regularly cleaned and maintained to extend the life and beauty of the tile. The tile can be cleaned with a neutral mild detergent. Consequently, any spills should be cleaned quickly to lessen the degree of the stain. Do not use abrasive cleaners, powders, scouring pads, steel wool or sandpaper.