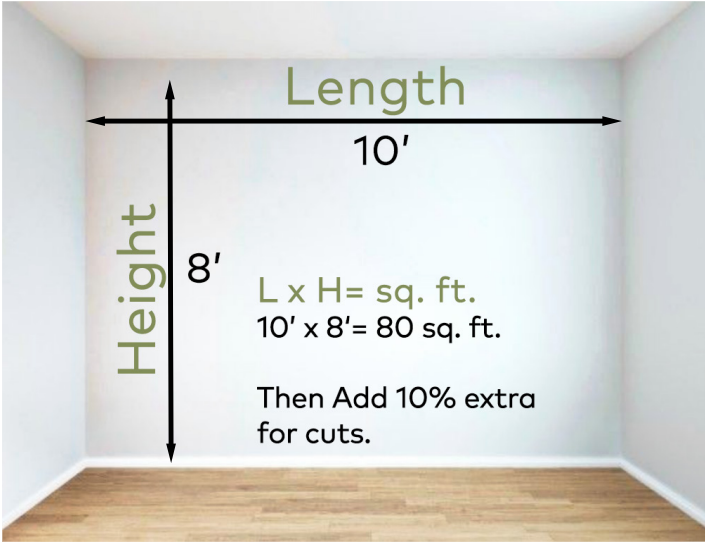


Artepiso

Concrete Tile Installation & Maintenance

ARTEPISO Concrete Tiles are made of high-quality Portland cement combined with innovative resins and natural color pigments. The advantage of this process is that the colors do not wear away in time. Concrete Tiles are considered “natural” tiles with a variation in shape, color, texture, and size, due to its authentic handmade production process.

PLANNING YOUR PROJECT



To know the amount of stone required - measure the area (Length x Height) – to determine the square footage of stone needed. It is best to assume 10% extra product to accommodate for cuts.

STEP 1: TOOLS NEEDED FOR INSTALLATION



Masonry Saw (wet or dry)
Medium to Coarse Sandpaper

Measuring Tape
Level
Small Trowel
Pencil
Damp Cloth or Sponge

STEP 2: TILE PREPARATION

Store the boxes in a dry area and do not allow them to get wet. Moisture may cause tiles to stain, fade, or create other damages on the surface.

Tiles should be taken out of the box and carefully cleaned with a damp cloth to get dust and other minor impurities out. It is recommended to mix tiles from different boxes during the installation process, so you get an even color.

STEP 3: SURFACE PREPARATION

The tile is made to install over a relatively flat smooth surface.



The surface must also be clean and free of debris. If you plan to install over a painted wall, use medium to coarse sandpaper to rough up the surface to have it ready for bonding.

If you have any damages on the wall, you must repair them prior to do the installation. The product can be installed on standard drywall.

STEP 4: PLACING AND INSTALLING THE TILES ON THE WALL

Take your time to plan and layout your project.

First, lay out stones from multiple boxes to ensure even color variation throughout the project.

Determine placement of cut pieces to ensure the best finished look possible.

You will probably need to cut some tiles. The tiles will cut with a standard masonry saw. First, draw the cutting line on the exterior part of the tile with the measure tape and the pencil, and then if needed make one or several soft passes on the tile with the saw, as this will help to ensure a straight cut.

After cutting, use the sandpaper to lightly sand the side of the cut edge.

Start laying the tiles from the bottom and work your way up the wall, ensuring to remain level at each course. The tiles should be placed next to each other, fitting them as close as possible to each other to minimize the gaps.

TO SET TILES:

Use pre-mixed thin set, tile adhesive, or heavy-duty construction adhesive for bonding.

Follow Manufacturer's instructions. Ensure complete coverage on the back of the tile, avoiding any air pockets between the wall and the tile. Remove excess



product from the surface of the tile with a small spatula or damp cloth, to avoid any stains.

OUTDOOR/WET APPLICATION INSTALLATION

Although our concrete tiles will not suffer structural damage due to moisture, a high-quality water based acrylic sealant can be applied to enhance color and preserve the surface.

Follow the Manufacturer's instructions. We recommend sealing a second time once the installation has been completed to protect the tile and to give the wall an even glossy finish.

We also recommend applying grout along the outer edge, especially on the top where water could penetrate and erode if left exposed. Applying grout on all the seams can be done being careful and not to damage the surface.

PAINTING:

If you wish to do so, the tiles can be painted with any acrylic, solvent, or latex paint. They can be spayed, brushed, or rolled. We recommend doing so before installation.



Follow the Manufacturer's instructions on the paint chosen for number of coats, climatic and environmental conditions, dry times, etc.

STEP 5: CLEANING & MAINTENANCE

After the installation has been performed and the wall is completely dry, clean the tiles with water, a mild detergent and a damp cloth or sponge. Avoid using excessive amount of water. Let it dry.

If necessary, you can follow the same process over time to keep the tiles free of dust or any other impurities.