

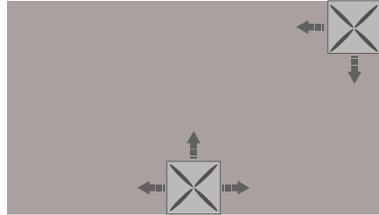
wall flats®

3-Dimensional Wall Tiles Made From 100% Pre-Consumer Waste



1: Surface & Tile Preparation

Wall Flats are made to install over flat surfaces that are clean, dry and free of loose debris. If installing over glossy plaster/paint rough up the surface with sandpaper and wipe clean with a damp rag to create tooth for the adhesive to bond to. Tiles should acclimate for 48-72 hours to environment. Wall Flats can be adhered to the wall directly out of the box with chosen adhesive.



2: Layout

Determine the type of installation/look you are going for. It's important to have this well thought out before beginning. If you are unsure, lay the tiles out on the floor or sketch it out to help you decide.

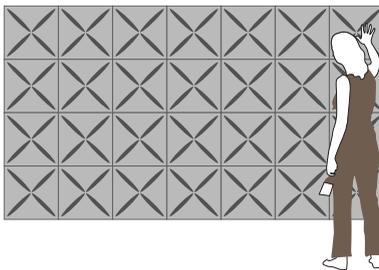
- 1) **Wall-to-Wall:** Starting in a top or bottom corner, work across the wall (side to side, or top to bottom), then repeat with each row. This method will reduce cutting and time of install.
- 2) **Center Out:** first tile goes in the very center of the bottom row, working out from there. All tiles that fall at wall edges may need to be cut. This method gives a uniform dimension on the tiles meeting the two walls.



3: Installation / Adhesive

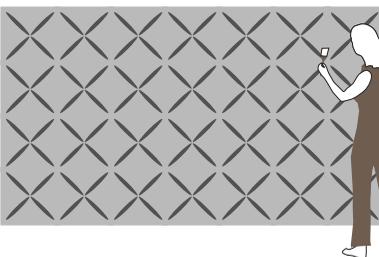
If you plan to paint the tiles, do a permanent install, or in tricky climatic conditions, use a tile mastic (Type 1 Tile Adhesive) or contact cement for adhering the tiles to the wall. Whenever possible we recommend low and VOC free options (such as Titebond Fast Grab FRP Adhesive). There are significant differences between mastic and contact cement so make sure all instructions are read before using.

Regardless of the adhesion method, tiles go on the wall the same way. Make sure the first tiles are positioned straight and level. Use a level or mark lines on the wall to help with this. Take wall straightness and other obstacles into account early on. Then follow the Wall-to-Wall or Working from Center out installation.



4: Primer Coat

We suggest a heavy, self-leveling primer which helps hide small imperfections and provides a level surface. We recommend Sheetrock Brand Tuff Hide Primer-Surfacer® or Level Coat) in place of regular primer. Most professionals will be familiar with these type of products and have appropriate sprayer for application. A brush can also be used if a sprayer is not available. It is a heavy, self leveling and building primer that quickly helps prepare a wall for a high level finish, hides small imperfections and provides an even surface.



5: Finishing Work (optional)

A modular product will have seams. If this is planned into the design there is no need for additional work. If you would like to minimize seams use a paintable caulk on all joints before final primer coat. Keep caulk cleaned up and smooth as you go because it cannot be sanded when set up.



6: Kick Back & Relax

Now it is time to relax while looking over your handy work.