

Recycled Granite Split Stone Installation

Thank you for choosing our eco-friendly granite split stone tiles. You are diverting hundreds of pounds of materials from a landfill, so feel good about your project! Make sure to send us photos of your project when finished.

Recommended tools: 3/8" trowel, thinset, small level, recycled split stone and a wet tile saw. Sealer is optional.

Recycled Granite Split Stone tiles can be applied to drywall, wood, cement board, directly over brick or concrete or on any clean, dry, dust free surface. Since the stones are thin, you do not need to apply a metal lath.

Determine the visual effect you wish to achieve. If you're using a variety of colors, it's best to layout your design prior to installation. Stand back and examine the overall location of the wall and decide on its intended function and visual effect -- naturally blended, dramatic or color-contrast.

Prepare thinset that you can purchase from your local home improvement store. Make sure you purchase thinset, not mastic. Any brand is fine. If you'll be using the stones for an exterior application make sure you purchase the exterior version. Mix the thinset per the instructions on the bag or container. You can use either pre-mixed or dry.

Trowel the thinset on your wall in a 12" x 2' area. Simply dry stack the stones on top of one another and make sure they are level. Since stone is a natural product, you might run into a smaller size. All you do is shim the stone with either a toothpick or small pieces of cardboard to make sure it is kept level. It's important to stagger the seams, as you would a hardwood floor. If you get to a light switch or electrical outlet simply cut the stone to size with your wet-saw. You can purchase electrical outlet screw extensions at your local home improvement store.

Once your installation is finished **vacuum the stone** to clear away any dust that may be left on the stones.

There is no need to grout your Recycled Split Stone tiles. If your installation is going to be near a stove/range we recommend that you seal the stone to prevent build up of cooking grease. Any traditional granite sealer can be used to seal the stone. Simply brush or spray it on the stone.

Clean up is simply with any household soap and water. Remember, granite is no different than any other backsplash material such as travertine, limestone, etc...

Optional Sealer ideas:

There are multiple types of sealers and enhancers on the market. Sealing your stone is not required, but will protect your project. Ask you local home improvement professional for recommendations. Most sealers will not effect the color of your tile, but it's best to perform a color test before applying. There are enhancers that can create a wet-look too.

If you have any questions please call 1-800-692-4642