

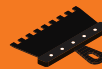
# QUICK INSTALLATION GUIDE

## Koni Cement Tile Installation Recommendations

Congratulations on your purchase of The Koni Cement Tile Series! When installed properly, Koni Cement Tiles will be long lasting and easy to maintain over time. Please note these instructions are given as a guide and are not a step-by-step process. We recommend consulting with a professional cement tile installer and to follow all local regulations/building codes pertinent to your area. Adapt installation recommendations as needed for compliance with those regulations. Installation and sealing of The Koni Cement Tile Series is the sole responsibility of the customer and the installer.

**\*\*Koni Cement tiles are unsealed. Koni Cement Tile Series is a handmade product and slight variations in color and thickness is expected.**

- Working on a small area at a time, install cement tiles with an adhesive suitable for the specific type of installation being performed. Follow all instructions provided by the adhesive manufacturer you have chosen.
- Koni Cement Tiles are unsealed and will need to be sealed with a high-quality penetrating sealant manufactured for cement/concrete prior installation and grouting. Cement tiles must be completely dry/cured and free of debris before sealing. Curing times will vary per sealant manufacturer, so please refer back to the manufacturer's recommendations. Wipe off any excess sealant before it dries.
- With clean or gloved hands, apply adhesive to the full back of the cement tile using a trowel. Lay and press the tile in place using hand pressure; do not hit cement tiles with tools or a rubber mallet. Wipe off excess adhesive immediately with a damp sponge. Do not allow adhesive to set on the surface of the cement tile, this will be difficult to remove later and may cause damage to the surface. If not using spacers, be sure to avoid lipping. Proceed with the installation and ensure all tiles are level until your area is completed.
- For applying grout on flooring, make sure sealant is completely dry before grouting the joints. Dark cement-based grout colors are not recommended and may cause hard to remove stains. Follow all instructions provided by the grout manufacturer.
- Mix grout as directed by the manufacturer. Apply grout across Koni Cement tiles in a 45-degree angle using a grout float. Wipe excess grout from the face of the tiles immediately before it sets with a clean, soft sponge and water. Following manufacturer's instructions for curing/drying times.
- After installation clean the surface again to prepare for sealing. All grout must be dried before applying any sealant to the tiles. Cover the area as needed to protect during the remainder of construction.



### Recommended Supplies (adjust as needed)

Diamond blade wet saw  
Sponges  
1/2" trowel  
Grout  
Tile Spacers  
Buckets  
Cement/concrete tile sealant



### Installation Prep

Ensure the substrate or sub-floor is smooth, level, clean and free of dust, grease, oil, water, loose paint or any other contaminants that could inhibit adhesion.

Keep tiles dry; do not allow the boxes of Koni Cement Tile to get wet or accumulate moisture.

Koni Cement Tile is to be sealed prior to installation and grouting. A high-quality penetrating sealant manufactured for cement/concrete should be applied to clean tiles. For the best results, it's recommended to test a single tile before covering the entire surface with sealant.

Koni Cement Tile is a cement product and may have residue on the surface. Gently wipe off the front and back of each tile with a damp sponge and allow to dry before applying adhesive.

As a handmade product, Koni Cement Tile will have slight color variations. Mixing pieces from different boxes is recommended to achieve a cohesive design.

Before beginning your installation, dry lay your Koni Cement Tile to plan your layout and minimize cuts. Tiles can be cut with a wet saw using a diamond blade. Note, using a wet saw will disperse a watery slip-like residue, so ensure all surfaces are protected prior to cutting Koni Cement Tile.

## KONI CEMENT TILE SERIES - MAINTENANCE

The Koni Cement Tile Series is long lasting with proper maintenance and routine care. When sealed correctly, Koni Cement tiles can be cleaned with average household cleaners that are pH balanced and non-acidic. Please note, using any acid-based cleaners will damage the surface of the Koni Cement tiles.

Sweep and mop floors regularly. Substances such as oil, wine, soda, and oxides will stain Koni Cement tile, so clean any spills as quickly as possible.

For backsplashes and areas that are heavy greased, cleaning with a de-greaser and gently scrubbing the surface clean is recommended to be performed regularly. Do not use any harsh wire sponges on the surface of Koni Cement tiles, this will damage the surface.

Over time Koni Cement tiles will need to be re-sealed. In the lifetime of an installation and dependent on the daily wear and tear, on average, re-sealing Koni Cement tiles may be between 3 – 10 years. Check with the sealant manufacturer for the recommended timeframe.



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