

# INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE For Zellige

## Zellige tile Installation:

- Open several boxes and randomly mix different Zellige tiles with multiple tones and textures to create a set that reflects all the Zellige color shades.
- The wall should be well prepared and levelled before placing the Zellige.
- Evenly apply flexible adhesive for ceramics on the surface to be tiled as well as on the back of the tile. Silicone can also be used to fix Zellige tiles.
- Position the tiles by hand, leaving a narrow gap, and adjust tile placement with the adhesive depth and grout space, looking for the harmony of the installation. With complex designs, more adjusting may be needed.
- *Floor installations:* leaving a small grout space will help compensate for movements. Panels: As with Zellige tiles, variations in size and shape are common. Each panel needs to be positioned by adjusting grout space and adhesive depth. Planning the layout is recommended.
- Once the adhesive is dry and the Zellige tiles are well fixed, spread very liquid grout cement over the surface, with a rubber spatula, making sure that the spaces between the tiles are filled.
- Wipe off the excess grout cement with a damp sponge or cloth. Manually rectify any possible defects on areas that have been left without grout.
- Zellige tiles can be easily cut or beveled by using a diamond disk. Tile cutters can also be used but the results are less precise.

## Zellige maintenance:

- Glazed Zellige tiles are easy maintenance, cleaned like any other glazed clay tile.
- **Please note:** Zellige tiles are not resistant to acids and should be cleaned with pH neutral cleaners.