

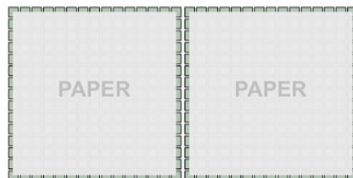
# HOW TO INSTALL PAPER-FACED TILE MOSAICS



Paper facing allows for better bonding to the thinset in places like pools, hot tubs, and other submerged areas.

## STEP 1

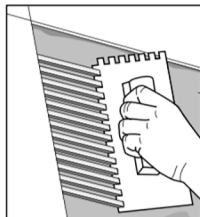
Lay out the sheets of tile in an area the same size as where you intend to install the tile with the **PAPER SIDE FACING UP**. This will help decide placement before installation. You should be able to see the edges of the tile on the sides of the paper, allowing you to see where the sheet ends and gauge how close you want the sheets to lie next to each other.



## STEP 2

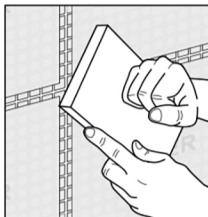
Spread a small amount of thinset where you will be installing your tile. Only use as much thinset that you'll need in a 5 minute time frame to ensure it hasn't set in between mounting the tile sheets.

## STEP 3



Use the grooved side of the trowel to even out the thickness of the thinset, then use the straight side of the trowel to smooth out the ridges. Use a light hand when smoothing out the thinset. This step will prevent any thinset from seeping in between the tile sheets.

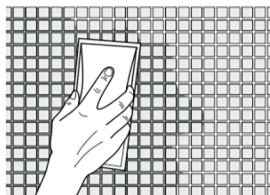
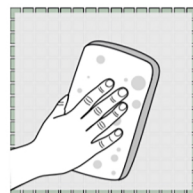
## STEP 4



Press the sheets of tile into the thinset, making sure that the **PAPER IS FACING YOU**. As you work along the area adding the sheets of tile, place a flat board over the tiled area and lightly tap the board with a mallet to push the sheets into place. Continue this process until you have finished tiling the area.

## STEP 5

Wait 15-20 minutes before removing the paper facing. Soak a sponge in water and wet down the paper facing, being careful not to saturate the thinset. The water will dissolve the glue that holds the paper to the tile. Once the paper is soaked, gently peel away the paper facing. The thinset will still be wet, allowing you to move any pieces that need to be adjusted.



## STEP 6

Allow the thinset to dry for 48 hours before grouting. Work in 10 minute sections, cleaning off the excess from the glass with a damp sponge as you grout. Make sure to rinse the sponge often during this process and move in a circular motion when wiping away the excess. Allow the grout to dry for 24 hours.