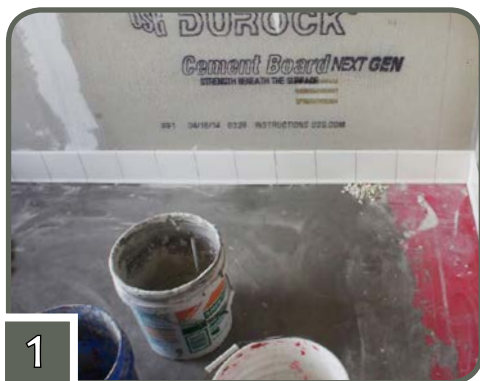


Subway Ceramics Installation Guide for Thinset Method



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Prepare all surfaces to be completely flat & level to avoid irregularities. For any wet or humid areas the use of CBUs are recommended. For any other conditions, substrates made of gypsum board are appropriate.



2

Plan your installation starting with the base, ensure the design is proportioned properly, indicate special treatments, and ensure proper joint alignment. For historically accuracy, use a nominal 1/16" spacing.



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Cutting of tiles is done only with the use of a wet saw. To get a clean edge, we recommend using a premium quality ceramic tile blade.



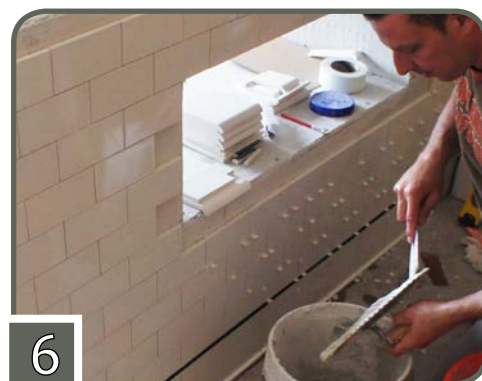
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Tip: Soaking the tiles in clean water will help give an installer additional time when setting tiles. This will allow the installer to adjust coursing or individual tiles as necessary and flexibility to beat-in the tiles flat before mortar sets.



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Tip: Use a rubber mallet and wood beating block as cushion to gently beat the tile as it sets to ensure a flat finished surface. Preparation of the surface coupled with this technique will eliminate unwanted lippage.



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Apply mortar using a 1/4" trowel or larger. For enhanced adhesion, backbutter tiles along with the wall or floor surfaces. Pre-mixed tile adhesive products are not recommended in any circumstances.



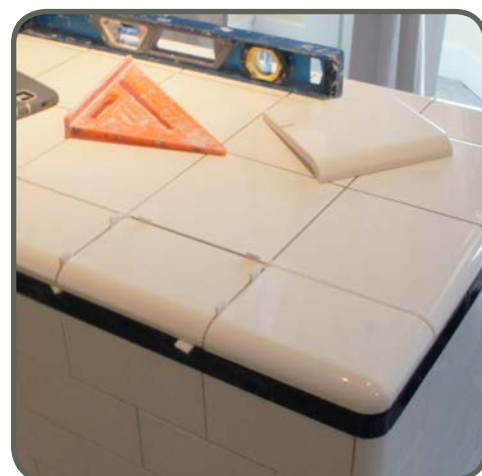
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Note: Installation of Radius Trim or any other specialized trim may require additional planning or alternate surface preparation. It is recommended these considerations are well planned prior to tiling.



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After the tile is set properly, carefully apply a premium unsanded grout. After the grout has fully cured, apply penetrating grout sealer. Note: Crackle glazes need to be sealed prior to grouting as well as after grouting.



Please consult our staff for additional information.