

Tetbury Terracotta

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTION

01

CLEAN THE TILES

Before tiling, make sure the tiles are clean on all sides. A stiff brush should remove any terracotta dust build up, but it may be advisable to brush the tiles down with a wet brush too. It is best practice to make sure the tiles are fully dry before beginning as this material becomes softer when wet and is more likely to break.

02

SEALING

Seal the tiles using our Sarsen Home Stain Block Eco sealant immediately before laying, using a paint brush or foam roller. It is advisable to seal both sides of the tile (if the back of the tile is not sealed, this may lead to poor adhesion between the tile and the adhesive due to the very dry, absorbent nature of this material. Water may also be used for this purpose - on the back of the tile only.)

03

CUTTING

Terracotta can be easily cut with a wet or dry diamond-tipped grinder or stone saw. Make sure the blade is running at a medium-high speed as this will lessen vibration, which can cause chipping. When cutting with a wet saw, make sure tiles are dry before laying, as this material becomes softer when wet and is more likely to break.

04

ADHESIVE

Always make sure to use a full bed of adhesive- 100% coverage on the back of each tile, as this material requires the support. Level the tiles using hand pressure only. Using a mallet or rubber hammer could cause cracking.



INSTALLATION & APPLICATION GUIDE

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ANTIQUE EFFECT FINISHING - APPLICATION BY HAND

The following is a traditional cleaning and sealing guide for terracotta floor tiles. The products and methods specified should ensure that surfaces are suitably conditioned before sealing. Future cleaning and after care then made easier following the application of a natural oil based sealer and finishing with a natural wax to protect the surface.

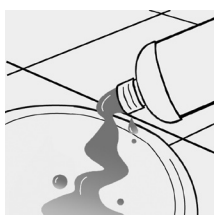


THREE STEP INSTALLATION INSTRUCTION OVERVIEW (SEE PAGE THREE FOR REFURBISHING EXISTING)

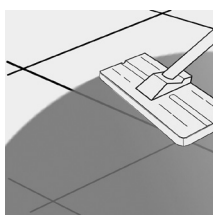
01 CONDITIONING & CLEANING THE SURFACE

Before sealing and grouting

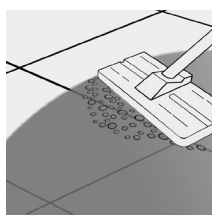
Sarsen Home Deep Clean
Cleans and conditions surfaces before sealing.



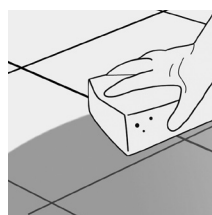
STEP 1.
Dilute solution 1:10 with warm water and apply to the surface.



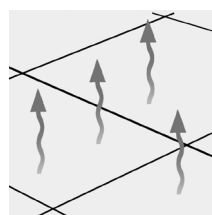
STEP 2.
Working in manageable areas at a time, spread out the solution. Leave for 15 minutes.



STEP 3.
Agitate the surface to remove any dust and grime.



STEP 4.
Sponge up released residues. Rinse with water a second time and sponge again.



STEP 5.
Allow surfaces to dry before allowing traffic or sealing.

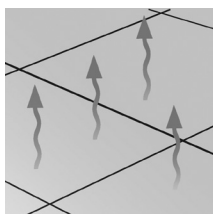
02 PROTECT AGAINST STAINS

Apply before and after grouting

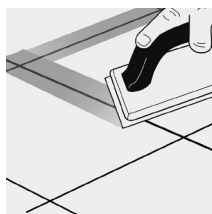
Sarsen Home Boiled Linseed Oil
A rich golden impregnating oil that will set within the body of the tile to help protect from staining from grout and use, while enhancing the colour of the tiles.



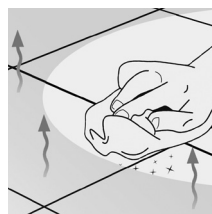
STEP 1.
Apply sealer to the surface of the terracotta and spread out evenly using a brush.



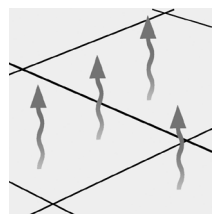
STEP 2.
Allow sealer to absorb naturally. Underfloor heating must be off.



STEP 3.
Leave sealer to cure overnight before grouting the joints. Work in small areas at a time. Rinse and extract grout residues using a sponge and water then leave overnight (or longer) until the grout is totally dry.



STEP 4.
Apply a further coat of the oil a little more sparingly over the tiles and grout, then after 30 mins remove any excess oil still on the surface otherwise it will harden patchy on the surface. Soak cloths in water before disposing.

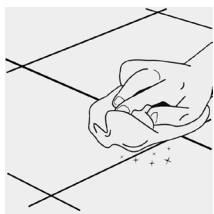


STEP 5.
Leave the oil to cure overnight or longer before going to stage 3.

03 PROTECT THE SURFACE AFTER SEALING

Apply before and after grouting

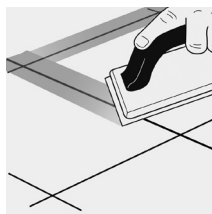
Sarsen Home Beeswax Wax Polish Antique
Will further enhance the tiles with an aged patina, fill the pores act as a skin to protect against water, oil, grease, dirt, grime and aid maintenance.



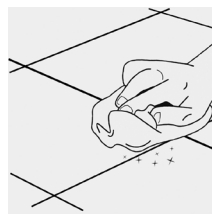
STEP 1.
Apply generously and work into the surface with a cloth.



STEP 2.
Leave the wax for 20 minutes and then buff to a shine using a stiff buffing brush for small spaces or a mechanical buffing machine and brush (available from hire shops) until the wax shines.*



STEP 3.
Leave wax to cure for 1 hour and then grout the joints.



STEP 4.
Once residual grout has been removed with Sarsen Home Cement, Grout & Salt Residue Remover, after 12 hours apply a further coat of wax covering the joints as well.



STEP 5.
Leave the wax for 20 minutes and then buff to a shine with a stiff brush. Allow light traffic for the first 12 hours and do not wash surfaces for 3 days.

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EVERYDAY MAINTENANCE

- Dilute 1 capful of **Sarsen Home All Clean** per litre of warm water.
- Mop the surfaces with the solution and allow to dry.
- Do not walk over the floor until dry.
- Does not require rinsing.

REFURBISHMENT FOR HEAVILY SOILED SURFACES

- Ensure that any sensitive surfaces not to be cleaned are properly covered and protected before beginning.
- Ensure that gloves, eye protection and suitable water proof clothing are worn at all times.
- Before sealing, the terracotta should be thoroughly cleaned. Old layers of sealer, residues from aftercare cleaners and deposits must be removed from the surface and the pores of the terracotta.
- Firstly remove any old layers of wax with **Sarsen Home Deep Clean**. Apply the solution undiluted to the face of the tile and spread around evenly with a paint brush or soft cloth. Leave for 5-10 minutes and then rub with a cloth to remove the old layers of wax. Do not allow the solution to dry on the surface.
- Agitate the surface using a white emulsifying pad, scrubbing brush or rotary scrubbing machine and leave for a further 5 minutes.
- Continue to scrub while adding clean water. Remove released residues using a sponge and water or extract using a wet vac.
- Rinse thoroughly with clean water to remove any remaining residues.
- Allow the surfaces to dry for a minimum of 24 hours before applying the protective sealer.