

FLOOR AND WALL TILES INSTALLATION SUGGESTIONS

BASE

- New premium grade underlayment plywood. (3/4" Halex, Sureply and Baltic Birch are recommended). Never apply to sheet rock or drywall.
- Do not use any filler or leveling agent over large areas of plywood. Seams between sheets of plywood should be filled (Ardex Feather Finish).
- Nails and screws should be flush with top of plywood, or countersunk. Holes must be filled as above instructions indicate.
- Floor/wall should be level and vacuumed clean.
- Open boxed tiles on site and allow tiles to acclimate for a minimum of 48 hours.
- Moisture content is a major factor in a proper installation, as this varies widely in every location in all regions and times of the year.

INSTALLATION

- Lay out pattern from middle of room/wall.
- Use chalk line as a guide for every row of tiles in each direction. If tiles start to run off chalk line, correct the next row.
- Using contact adhesive (Formica 160 Clear Water Base or WilsonArt-H2O), apply evenly to both plywood and tile base all the way to edges and corners of tile.
- We recommend using a 1" wide metal wallpaper roller to apply pressure around the tiles for better adhesion.

AFTER INSTALLATION

- Begin waxing (Butcher's Wax) floor/wall in small 4-5 foot sections by hand with a cotton cloth. As you finish waxing each section, buff with an electric buffer and a buffing pad (3M 4100 White Super Polish).
- Repeat wax and buff several times after initial installation.
- Flipping pad, re-buff for added shine.
- Optional: put a terry cloth towel under buffer and go over the area for extra shine.
- Wax is wet; wait 24 hours before walking on floor.

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