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## IRISH HANDMADE TERRACOTTA TILES

## SIZES AVAILABLE

- $9 \times 9 \times 3 / 4 / 225 \times 225 \times 20 \mathrm{~mm}$
- $12 \times 12 \times 1^{\prime \prime} / 300 \times 300 \times 25 \mathrm{~mm}$
- $12 \times 6 \times 1^{\prime \prime} / 300 \times 150 \times 25 \mathrm{~mm}$
- $12 \times 4 \times 1^{\prime \prime} / 300 \times 100 \times 25 \mathrm{~mm}$
- $12 \times 3 \times 1$ " / $300 \times 75 \times 25 \mathrm{~mm}$
- $16 \times 16 \times 1 \frac{1}{2} 2^{\prime \prime} / 415 \times 415 \times 35 \mathrm{~mm}$


TILES ARE FROST RESISTANT AND ARE SUITABLE FOR OUTDOORS
***Due to the fact that these products are crafted from natural clay it is possible to encounter slight variations in measurements.

## Information - Dineen Handmade Tiles

## Appearances and Characteristics

These tiles come in batches and are subject to colour variations. A single sample cannot therefore be taken as an accurate indication of the final colour. As well as colour variations, our floor tiles may have minor chips, blemishes and imperfections. This is usual in this type of product and not used as an excuse for faulty workmanship.

## Laying Instructions

The tiles should be laid in rapid set adhesive or mortar. Adhesive is recommended as it will not have so much moisture. Bedding should allow for the various thicknesses in the tiles. DO NOT SOAK THE TILES. Grouting can begin once the tiles are set. Sandstone grout is recommended for the authentic look. It is essential that grout is pointed into the joint. Recommended joint width is approximately 10 mm . Wash off excess grout as it is being applied. This is very important as grouting will absorb into the surface of the tile and become difficult to clean.

Once the grout is dry, wipe down the surface of the tile with a damp cloth to remove the dirt. It is essential that the cleaning is carried out meticulously as no water should be used on the tiles after this point. Leave to dry completely. This process will vary, usually about 24-48 hours. This timing is totally dependent on the temperature and ventilation present. During this time the moisture in the tiles react with the salts in the clay and efflorescence will occur. A hard bristle brush can often remove this. If necessary, use damp sponge. 0\% water content ensures that tiles are ready for sealing. It is important that all work is protected and covered until such time as tiles are completely sealed.

## Sealing

Before any sealing takes place, tiles should be satisfactorily cleaned. Dineen 3 in 1 sealer can be used. Each tile must be given 3 coats of this solution being careful not to over apply. The 3 coats can be applied one after another. After the third coat the tile must be left to dry for at least 24 hours. It is not necessary to leave long drying periods between coats.

## Optional

Once dry, Wax can be applied, taking care once not to over apply. Up to 3 coats can be used, depending on the amount of shine you wish to achieve. We recommend a minimum of 2 coats and a maximum of 3
Allow 4 hours between coats and at least 12 hours to fully dry after the last coat has been applied. Naturally care must be taken to avoid over contamination of the surface during periods and of the surface prior to the application of the sealer. Adequate ventilation is advisable while sealer is being used.

