

TOWN & COUNTRY reclaimed bricks General Information.

Nominal sizes and thickness could vary up to half an inch. We recommend a grout joint of 1/4" as seen on our display boards. Due to the nature of the reclaimed product, chipped corners and cracked pieces are normal and add to the aged visual of the product. The product is sold AS IS. We insure that all our bundles and pallets leave our warehouse dry and properly packed.

Showroom display boards and loose samples are a general, nominal, and only indicative reference range of the reclaimed and salvaged brick selections we offer. Due to the nature and the varying sources (buildings wrecking, and demolitions, barnyard recycling, old paving replacement, etc) Selections vary within the same bundle, pallet, current lot and shipment to shipment. Blending of bricks from different bundles is recommended.

Please **remove all shrink wrap from pallet upon receipt for the product to air out and avoid moisture to develop and potentially create mold and inspect immediately.** If light mold has developed on the surface during transportation or at destination, Ceramica Etc Studio declines any responsibility. This can usually be cleaned with soap and water but you must consult with your professional contractor/installer who will be handling the cleaning and sealing of the product.

Applications:

Our thin brick can be installed indoor and outdoor. However we do not recommend horizontal outdoor paving or installations in areas that can be subject to freezing temperatures. We also recommend a UV Penetrating sealer for all outdoor installations.

General installation directions:

1. Prepare substrate as for a tile installation

- a. Level the subfloor as needed
- b. Best substrates are concrete slab, tile backerboard, or anti-fracture membrane such as Ditra or Protecto-wrap
2. Install with Latex modified thin set mortar using a 1/4"x 1/4" notch trowel. This will help to create a bed that can make it easier to the top of the bricks in the event of any slight thickness variances.
3. Use a diamond blade wet saw to make any cuts needed at the edges.
4. Set tiles to desired pattern and grout joint. Grout joint will widen visually due to the irregular edges of the bricks.
5. Wait 24 to 48 hours for the installation to dry before grouting.
6. If the desired look is less grout in the surface pits, then use a grout release sealer before grouting.

Or use a grout bag to fill up the grout joints.

7. Grout with sanded grout or equivalent grout for wider joints. Mason's mortar can be used for Downtown or Cottage selections, USE WHITER GROUT for Manor white washed selection.

8. Clean grout and residue with water and other cleaners as necessary. For manor(white washed selection only)

In order to achieve a whiter finish and less brick color appearance, the installer could have the option of grouting over the tile with white grout and leave grout residue and haze as desired.

9. Seal bricks and grout with sealer for desired appearance:

- a. Use a non-gloss penetrating sealer for a more natural and matte finish.
- b. Use a wet look glossy sealer for a glossier wet look, low/medium gloss finish.

10. Please allow a larger percentage waste factor than usual.

Before and after installation pictures.

Cracked & Chipped Bricks – Before Installation



Cleaning:

Clear with water and soap, or industry recommended or household cleaning products that are NON-abrasive/non acidic/non harsh. Read manufacturers recommendations and instructions. Do not use abrasive harsh or acidic cleaners (like vinegar, baking soda, etc...)
Do not use sandpaper, nylon meshse or hard plastic/Steel wood brushes.

Maintenance:

It is recommended to re-seal the surface.

Traffic and exposure to water and soiling elements will determine the frequency and type of maintenance needed. Please consult with your professional installer and contractor. Follow sealer manufacturer's product usage, sealing instructions as well as usage frequency.