

# COPPER PHILOSOPHY

## COPPER DECOR INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



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## ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Tools needed: glue, glue gun, spirit level, pencil

### 1. Preparation of the substrate

Preparing the surface on which you plan to install decorative tiles should begin with a thorough cleaning. Remove any dirt, paint residue, dust, or other flaking layers. The surface must be clean, compact, and not brittle, cracked, flaking, or requiring sealing. We recommend a smooth surface.

Improperly prepared substrate results in reduced adhesion of the adhesive to the surface and, at the same time, in the lack of proper maintenance of the decorations.

### 2. Decor layout

Every tile installation process should begin with planning the layout, determining the axis, and pre-laying the desired pattern on the floor. The variety of formats and graphics available allows for a variety of arrangements and achieve any desired effect.

For copper decors, the minimum joint width depends on the grout manufacturer's choice. They can also be installed without joints.

### 3. Cutting tiles

Cutting, i.e., cutting, slitting, notching, cutting out, grinding – is not recommended.

### 4. Gluing the decorations

Once you've planned out the panels, you can proceed to install them on your chosen surface. We recommend using traditional mounting adhesive.

Decors can be laid with or without grout gaps.

Apply the appropriate amount of adhesive to a single panel – in four evenly spaced spots. Then, apply it to the surface, press evenly, and lightly move it across the substrate. This will ensure even adhesive distribution and proper adhesion of the decorative elements. When installing the panels, follow the manufacturer's recommendations for the construction chemicals used. Any adhesive that leaks onto the surface during gluing should be removed immediately, while it is still fresh.

### 5. Grouting decors

Grouting of the tiles should begin after confirming they are fully bonded to the substrate – within the time specified by the adhesive manufacturer. It is essential to thoroughly clean and dry the joints, which should be at least two-thirds the depth of the tiles.

Before starting, it is essential to test the grouting on a small part of the board and carry out a control cleaning to determine the effect of the grout on the type of decor used.

For grouting, use the manufacturer's recommended epoxy grout – a universal, decorative, acid-resistant, non-absorbent, stain-resistant, two-component grout with a bacteriostatic agent. The manufacturer's recommended joint width is 1 to 15 mm.

Before grouting, protect the decorative surface with masking tape. To achieve the proper appearance of the facing, grouting must be carried out according to the



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manufacturer's instructions. We particularly recommend paying attention to the setting time.

Each grout should be applied according to the manufacturer's instructions. It's important to ensure there are no traces left after the work is completed, as removing the grout once it hardens is much more difficult and may damage the surface.

Grouts in intense colors won't permanently discolor the decorative surface. You can use grouts in contrasting colors to the tiles.

## **6. Finished assembly**

After finishing the work, clean the surface of any remaining residue from the installation. Using a damp microfiber cloth is recommended. Using any other cleaning agents requires following the manufacturer's instructions and performing a test on a small area of the surface to be cleaned.

After completing the assembly work and cleaning the decors, it is not recommended to impregnate the boards or otherwise protect the surface.

## **7. Cleaning**

To remove dirt from everyday use, use a damp microfiber cloth.

## **8. Safety rules**

The product supplied is classified as safe under normal conditions and does not pose a risk to health or the environment.



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