

# The Douglas Watson Studio Ltd

## NOTES ON INSTALLATION

Our tiles need very careful installation, as they are not like standard machine made tiles.

- As our tiles are entirely hand made there will be some variation in size, from 1 – 2 mm in either direction. Plain tiles and tiles with a regular pattern can be turned around to fit better.
- Allow a 2 – 3mm grout space.
- Use a flexible slow drying cement-based adhesive to allow for adjustments.
- DO NOT USE SPACERS, of the cross-shaped type. Use WEDGES, which allow for more variation, or pieces of folded card.
- It is important to use your EYE to get the right look, instead of relying on spacers. The idea is to get the tiles to fit naturally together, rather than mechanically.
- We recommend BAL or ARDEX grout. They produce a range of tints. White, cream or ivory works well with light coloured tiles.
- We would recommend sealing all of our crackle tiles, including those with a 'natural crackle' finish, with Lithofin KF Stain-stop, after grouting, to prevent the ingress of water and stains into the crackle finish.
- FRESCO tiles – we seal these before delivery, but they will need to be re-sealed every 3-4 years, depending on wear.

**Tile panels are numbered from bottom row left to right.**