# **Porto Installation Instructions**

These installation recommendations consist of common-sense practices for direct glue tile products. Installers should rely upon their own professional experience and understanding of their unique requirements to be the best guide to a successful installation.

## **Tools Needed**

1/8" v-notch trowel

Bar level or laser level

Circular saw or miter saw

Heavy-duty construction adhesive (such as Liquid Nails LN-903, LN-FRP, and Loctite Express)

It is recommended that a cleaning solution be available to remove any adhesive that transfers onto the face of the cork. Adhesive must be removed with the solution before it has dried.

## Components

Tiles (as ordered)



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- 1 Inspect the product. Subtle color and texture variations even within the same Tile are a normal aspect of this product. It is advisable to inspect for these irregularities and plan the layout accordingly, making sure to disperse any minor color variation evenly. In the case of product defect or damage in transit, Spinneybeck must be notified within five (5) business days. Spinneybeck cannot accept a return or warranty claim on any material that has been installed.
- 2 Allow Tiles to acclimate to the installation environment. After the shipping crates have been opened, the Tiles should be laid out individually on the floor for at least forty-eight (48) hours.
- **3** While the tiles are becoming acclimatized, clean the work surface. It should be smooth, dry, and dust-free to allow the best possible adhesion. A Level 4 Finish wall preparation is sufficient.
- 4 Use the bar level or laser level to determine a base level line for the first horizontal course at the bottom. This line will set the level for the entire installation so it is most important to get this right.
- 5 Tiles are applied according to the pattern specified. Plan out the pattern before adhering the Tiles and make any adjustments to ensure any minor color variation is dispersed throughout the wall.
- 7 Prepare a cleaning solution to remove any adhesive that transfers onto the face of the cork. A mild enzyme-based detergent (such as Tide Free) is recommended. Create a dilute solution by adding three (3) parts water to one (1) part detergent in a clean container. IMPORTANT: Adhesive must be removed before dry.
- 8 Start installation at the bottom left of the wall. Apply heavy-duty construction adhesive to the wall using a 1/8" v-notch trowel. The adhesive should be generously applied to the wall using a roller but not so thickly that the level line is obscured. If you are using a laser level, this will not be an issue. Apply the first four (4) Tiles in sequence edge-to-edge, ensuring that the edges are properly butted up against one another, and all are perfectly level. Using clean fingers, press against the Tile to ensure the best adhesion, and then check again for level.
- 9 Repeat the above steps until the first course is completed. Use a circular saw or miter saw to cut any custom sizes or outlet cut-outs needed to finish the installation.

Devices may then be either wall-mounted or panel-mounted as specified by the client. All cutting and finishing of the cut-outs and installation of electrical devices are the responsibility of the purchaser.

- 10 Allow the first row to set up for approximately twenty (20) minutes before installing the row above as the Tiles may slip.
- **11** Move up to the next row and follow the above procedure, ensuring that the tiles are butted firmly against one another. Continue checking level throughout the installation. Repeat until complete.

### **Cleaning Instructions**

Wipe with a dampened cloth with water or mild soap (such as Dawn) and water solution. After cleaning with mild soap and water, rinse surface with a damp cloth. Dry immediately with a clean cotton cloth or towel.

For complete instructions, refer to the Product Maintenance + Cleaning Guide at spinneybeck.com/cleaning-guide.

