

Tetbury Terracotta

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTION

01

CLEAN THE TILES

Before tiling, make sure the tiles are clean on all sides. A stiff brush should remove any terracotta dust build up, but it may be advisable to brush the tiles down with a wet brush too. It is best practice to make sure the tiles are fully dry before beginning as this material becomes softer when wet and is more likely to break.

02

SEALING

Seal the tiles using our Sarsen Home Stain Block Eco sealant immediately before laying, using a paint brush or foam roller. It is advisable to seal both sides of the tile (if the back of the tile is not sealed, this may lead to poor adhesion between the tile and the adhesive due to the very dry, absorbent nature of this material. Water may also be used for this purpose - on the back of the tile only.)

03

CUTTING

Terracotta can be easily cut with a wet or dry diamond-tipped grinder or stone saw. Make sure the blade is running at a medium-high speed as this will lessen vibration, which can cause chipping. When cutting with a wet saw, make sure tiles are dry before laying, as this material becomes softer when wet and is more likely to break.

04

ADHESIVE

Always make sure to use a full bed of adhesive- 100% coverage on the back of each tile, as this material requires the support. Level the tiles using hand pressure only. Using a mallet or rubber hammer could cause cracking.



INSTALLATION & APPLICATION GUIDE

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NATURAL EFFECT FINISHING - APPLICATION BY HAND

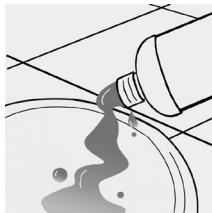
Terracotta tiles have been used on floors and walls for centuries. As with all natural materials, they do require a certain level of care. This is a guide to help ensure that your terracotta tile surface remains protected and easy to maintain for many years.

NOTE: Ensure that surfaces are sufficiently sealed before grouting.

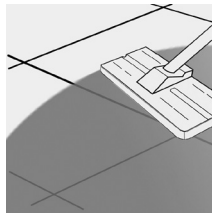
THREE STEP INSTALLATION INSTRUCTION OVERVIEW (SEE PAGE THREE FOR REFURBISHING EXISTING)

01 INITIAL CLEANING OF NEWLY INSTALLED SURFACES IF REQUIRED

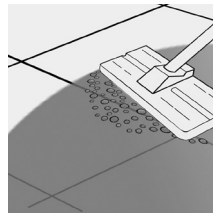
**Sarsen Home
Deep Clean**
Cleans and conditions
surfaces before sealing.



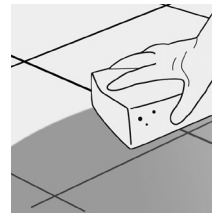
STEP 1.
Dilute solution 1:10 with
warm water and apply to
the surface.



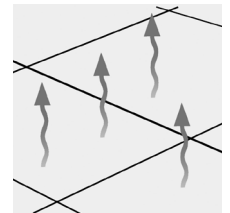
STEP 2.
Working in manageable
areas at a time spread
out the solution. Leave for
5-10 minutes.



STEP 3.
Add a little water and
then scrub surfaces
to release any loose
sediment dirt and grime.
Use white pad and
pad holder.



STEP 4.
Sponge up released
residues. Rinse with water
a second time
and sponge again.



STEP 5.
Allow surfaces to dry
before allowing traffic
or sealing.

02 PROTECT AGAINST STAINS

Apply before and
after grouting

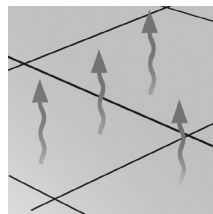
**Sarsen Home
Stain Block Eco**
Low odour water based
impregnating sealer
protects against water,
oil and grime.



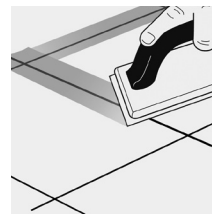
STEP 1.
Before grouting:
Generously apply sealing
solution to the surface.
Underfloor heating must
be off.



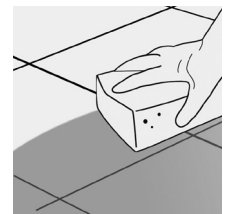
STEP 2.
Spread out evenly using a
good quality paint brush,
roller or pump sprayer.



STEP 3.
Allow sealer to absorb
and dry then repeat after
2 hours.



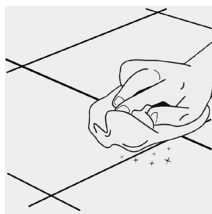
STEP 4.
Leave sealer to cure
overnight before grouting
the joints. Work in small
areas at a time.



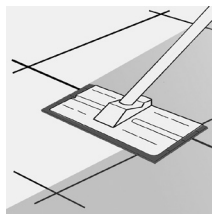
STEP 5.
Rinse and extract grout
residues using a sponge
and water. Leave to dry
overnight before finishing.

03 FINISHING THE SURFACE

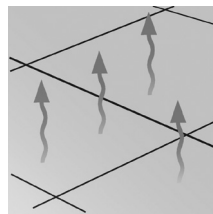
**Sarsen Home Beeswax
Wax Polish Antique**
A surface coating
solution that will help
fill the pores, reduce
absorption and protect
against staining to help
to maintain the tile and
grout. Can achieved a
satin finish if desired by
applying multiple coats
or a matt finish with less
(min 2 coats advised).



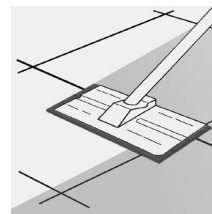
STEP 1.
Apply finishing solution
to the surface. Underfloor
heating must be off.



STEP 2.
Spread out evenly using
a sealant applicator pad
and pad holder or paint
roller.



STEP 3.
Allow to dry. Do not walk
on surface during drying
time (45 minutes).



STEP 4.
Apply further coats
allowing each coat to
dry until the desired
finish has been achieved
(max. 6).



STEP 5.
Keep off of the surface
after the final coat until
it is completely dry (min
4hrs). Keep dry for 3 days.

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NATURAL EFFECT FINISHING – APPLICATION BY HAND

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

Paint brush, sealant applicator pad, white emulsifying pad, deck brush, claw brush, buffing cloths, buckets, sponges, mops.

Ensure that any sensitive surfaces not to be cleaned are properly covered and protected before beginning. Ensure that gloves, eye protection and suitable water proof clothing are worn at all times.

CLEANING AND REFURBISHING – USED AND HEAVILY SOILED SURFACES

- Before sealing the surface should be thoroughly cleaned. Old layers of sealer, residues from aftercare cleaners and deposits must be removed from the surface and the pores. Stubborn film forming layers of sealer can be removed with **Sarsen Home Deep Clean**.
- To help remove years of ground in dirt and grime dilute **Sarsen Home Deep Clean** 1:5 with water and apply to the surface. This should be left for 5-10 minutes.
- Agitate the surface using a white pad, scrubbing brush or rotary scrubbing machine.
- Continue to scrub while adding clean water. Remove released residues using a sponge and water or extract using a wet vac.
- Rinse thoroughly with clean water to remove any remaining residues.
- Surfaces should be thoroughly dry before sealing.
- For the removal of other types of dirt see the table below.

OTHER TYPES OF DIRT

Care product residues ,oil, grease and dirt:
Sarsen Home Deep Clean

Wax and acrylic layers, emulsion paint residues:
Sarsen Home Deep Clean

PROTECTIVE SEAL TREATMENTS

- **Sarsen Home Stain Block Eco** will render the surface water and oil repellent.
- Helps prevent staining, aid cleaning and simplify the removal of stains.
- Does not greatly alter the character of treated surfaces.
- **Sarsen Home Stone Shield** will enhance the appearance and leave surfaces with a matt to satin finish depending on the number of coats applied.
- There are no health concerns once the product has properly cured.
- **Sarsen Home Stain Block Eco** is breathable so can be used on surfaces that are still slightly damp or have no damp proof course.
- Cleaned appropriately using **Sarsen Home Clean and Sheen** we would suggest topping up the protective treatment every 3-4 years.
- **Sarsen Home Stain Block Eco** is suitable for external use.

NB. Always test products on an inconspicuous area before general application. Surfaces that are non absorbent or saturated with moisture cannot be treated. **Sarsen Home Stain Block Eco** is an impregnating sealer that need to fully absorb. Any un-absorbed sealer should be buffed off with a micro-fibre cloth or machine with white pad to remove the excess. Some surfaces may be darker after application. Acid substances, if left on the surface, may damage acid sensitive stone after treatment.

AFTERCARE – ALTERNATIVE CLEANER FOR GRADUALLY BUILDING A SLIGHT SHEEN ON THE SURFACE

Sarsen Home Clean and Sheen: A highly effective after care cleaner for natural stone, terracotta, encaustics, ceramic and porcelain. Cleans and protects in one application. Renovates dull looking floors. Regular use will also help to reinforce protection on surfaces finished with **Sarsen Home Stone Shield**. On unsealed surfaces this product cleans and gradually builds a slight sheen. 1 ltr of product will wash a 20 m² surface 40 times.

NB. Always test products on an inconspicuous area or spare tile before general application. Surfaces that are non absorbent or saturated with moisture cannot be treated. **Sarsen Home Stain Block Eco** is an impregnating sealer that needs to fully absorb. Any un-absorbed sealer should be buffed off with a micro-fibre cloth or machine with white pad to remove the excess. Some surfaces may be darker after application.