

Understanding Aliseo Fan

An art not a science, our Aliseo Fan marble mosaics are simply stunning. Correctly installed, the fan shape gives dramatic impact that leads the eye throughout a space- a famous shape that has been used by mosaic artists and on paving in great city squares throughout the centuries.

Combined with our Aliseo marble; with the subtle variances, beautiful crystallisation and light veining, the Fan mosaic makes a highly impactful and memorable floor.

It is essential however to take great consideration when these are laid. These mosaics come pre-assembled in their fan shape on a mesh backing; saving the installer the pain of assembling each individual tesserae of marble- but especial tolerances must be allowed for. The artisans in our marble mosaic factory hand-assemble each single sheet, thus slight differences will occur when these sheets are laid alongside each other.

The tiler who installs these mosaics must be prepared to be creative, adaptable, and patient. Some tips we have from installing this mosaic ourselves:

- Plan out the room with great care, making sure to leave guidelines to follow when tiling- it is very easy to drift from these as there are no straight sides to the tiles to follow. Dry fitting is essential before adhesive is applied.
- Lay in horizontal rows from side to side, using the edge points to align to the next sheet.
- Leave as much space for grout lines as possible. If this differs somewhat from the grout width size as laid out on the sheet it will likely be imperceptible when grouted.
- Use a slow-set adhesive bed to allow plenty of time to move the sheets around.
- Sometimes to help the mosaic sheets fit together, small pieces on the edges of the mosaic sheets need to be removed.
- If any areas look especially empty when the area is laid, you can try to fill this in with leftover pieces- be guided by the overall effect and follow the pattern as closely as possible.
- Viewing the tiling from standing height, not from close observation, is recommended.
- The grout usage is very high for this product- we would allow 4kg of grout per m2.
- Sealing the marble before grouting will help to reduce the chance of grout build up on the surface of the mosaic.



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