



New Ceiling Tiles 800-518-9835

Installation for Faux Tile Glue Up Ceiling for Direct Surface Mount Application

INSTALLATION TIPS

Tip 1) Prior to tile installation, it is recommended that the entire ceiling be smooth and flat. Apply a drywall primer or paint primer.

TIP 2) Edge J-Trims are available to purchase for finishing off the wall edges. If using the Edge J-Trim, screw the trim up to the ceiling before installing the ceiling panels.

Note: If custom wood trim or other molding will be used, J-Trim will not be necessary. Install after the ceiling is complete.

PREPARATION

1) Determine the room layout. To ensure the room looks balanced, the panels should be centered in the room and the border tiles should all be the same size. The large indentations in the styles, Traditional 3, Art Deco, Rosette, Coffered and Dome, prevent them from being cut in the middle and resting properly at the border areas. Accordingly, these styles look best when the Border Fill style panels are used on the perimeter of the room. The remaining Faux panel styles look best when the full-size panels are cut for the border (not the Border Fill panels). If the existing border panel width is less than 12", two border panels can be cut out of one full-sized panel.

INSTALLATION

2) Installing the border panels. Using the length of border panel dimension you determined in the step above, snap a chalk line as a reference point. Repeat this in the opposite direction for the width side of the room. This will balance the room. Using this chalk line layout, measure and cut the border panel by scoring the finish side of the panel with a utility knife and straight edge. Bend the panel at the score mark to snap apart. Another option for cutting the panels is to use a tin snip and cut along a marked line. After cutting the panel to size and before applying glue, it is recommended that you remove the protective film. The preferred method for installing Glue-Up panels is to use a notched trowel and apply the adhesive directly to the ceiling. Another option is to apply it directly to the back of the panels, staying about a 1/2" from the outside edges to prevent too much adhesive squeezing out when pressing the panel to the ceiling. (Adhesive examples: PL Latex FRP, PL Premium, Henry 444 FRP, & LN950 tube) A tube adhesive such as 100% polyurethane premium construction adhesive can be used but, due to the slower setting period, additional checking and re-pressing of the panels may be required. Also, consult the adhesive instructions prior to starting. Insert into the Edge J-Trim if applicable. Overlap the first 3/8" of the subsequent border panels where the ridges and dots align. Complete one set of border panels in each of the length and width directions in the room.

3) Install full panels. For the best appearance, before installing the first full row of panels and subsequent rows of panels, cut the corner bumps off of the two overlapping panels previously installed. Start at the corner farthest from the main entrance of the room, and working in rows across the room, install the full panels by overlapping each new row over the previous row. Complete each row by cutting and installing the remaining border panels.

Tip: You must remove any adhesive that gets on the finish side of the panel before it dries, using a damp cloth. If you cannot remove excess adhesive with a damp cloth you can use mineral spirits. Mineral spirits is the only thing that can be used that will not damage the finish on the panel.

4) One hour after the ceiling has been completed, firmly press on ALL the ceiling panels you've installed to ensure proper bonding and adhesive set-up.

5) Once you have your ceiling installed, the panels can be cleaned with warm, soapy water. Never use abrasive cleaners and/or anything with chemicals. Any harsh abrasives will damage the finish on the panels.