

Use and Care Instructions for Aspect Glass Tiles

How do I need to prepare the wall before I install Aspect?

The adhesive on the back side of the Aspect tiles is highly aggressive and pressure sensitive. Proper wall preparation is required. Aspect can be installed over most structurally sound substrates if they are clean, flat, smooth, dry and free of dust, wax, soap soum and grease. Acceptable substrates are drywall, plaster or clean, smooth tile (glazed, porcelain-type tile; not porous or textured). Any damaged, loose or uneven areas must be repaired, patched, leveled and primed. Fill cracks and irregularities with wallboard compound or spackling, then sand smooth with fine-grit sandpaper. Also, to prevent the color of your wall from showing through the seams of your Glass Aspect installation, one coat of paint (in the finish of your tiles) can be applied to your wall before installation.

Do I need to paint my wall the color of the tiles before installing the Glass Aspect to prevent the color of the wall from showing through the seams?

With peel and stick installation, grout is not needed between tiles. Even with careful layout and installation, gaps may appear between the tiles. Accordingly, we recommend that you paint the wall area a color that matches your tile color. This will hide any small gaps if they happen to appear.

Can Aspect be exposed to humidity and/or water?

Yes. To ensure years of enjoyment of your Aspect installation, and for installations near sinks or tubs, the substrate that Aspect is being applied to must be primed with an oil-based primer to seal it — ensuring a stable substrate. Aspect is impervious to water but substrates such as drywall or plywood are not.

How can I make sure the tiles stick properly?

First, be sure to follow the instructions for substrate preparation. After you have the tile aligned where you want it, firmly press the tile over its entire surface area to be sure it adheres properly. You can test the adhesion by pulling slightly on the tile. It should be securely attached. If not, it might be necessary to add additional