



Re: Antique Stained Glass Installation Guide

In order to make certain Antique Stained Glass is installed correctly and achieves the aesthetic desired be sure to follow the instructions below:

INSTALLATION

- Apply a premium grade white thin-set mortar using a 1/8-inch V-notch trowel.
- Using a flat trowel, level the ridges of the thin-set creating a smooth consistent thickness.
- Set tiles, apply pressure or tap the surfaces with a rubber grout float to ensure all tiles are bonded and aligned properly. Use a level periodically to check the grout joints.
- Thin-set should not be allowed to squeeze up excessively between the joints. If thinset has protruded through the mosaic, carefully remove excess thinset without disturbing the installation.
- After 24 hours, mix and apply UNSANDED GROUT. It is very important to understand any abrasive materials or chemicals can scratch the surface of your mosaics.
- Clean all excess grout immediately with a damp sponge. After 12 hours polish any remaining grout haze with a clean dry cloth.

CUTTING

- A premium glass diamond blade is recommended for glass cutting.

MAINTENENCE AND CARE

- Glass tiles can be routinely cleaned with any non-abrasive cleaning compound or formula that is recommended for glass. Follow manufacturer's instructions when using these products.

Notes:

- It should be noted that the same procedure with a 3/16" V notch trowel makes it very difficult to avoid having excessive thinset squeeze through the grout joints. A 1/8" V-notch trowel is essential for a clean installation.
- On the final pass over the thinset with the V-notch it was just as effective to flatten out the peaks in the thinset by keeping the trowel at a very low angle (approx. 5-10 degrees).
- When it was necessary to build out the substrate to match up to a thicker tile, 1/8" or 3/16" Jet Backer board is recommended as opposed to attempting to build out with thinset.