



## INSTALLATION GUIDELINES FOR PETITE ALLIANCE

Petite Alliance is a mesh-mounted mosaic composed of stone, wood and terracotta. As wood and stone are natural products, color variation and surface imperfections are inherent characteristic of their nature made quality and are to be expected.

Suitability may vary depending on the components of your selected mosaic.

Please inspect your order prior to installation, as installation constitutes acceptance.

Tabarka Studio will not accept any claims or returns once material is installed.

If installation is delayed, packages should be stored in a dry and cool space away from sun exposure.

### INSTALLATION:

Professional installation is always recommended.

Prior to installation, we suggest to lay dry the whole project in the exact space where it will be installed. This procedure allows proper fittings and adjustments to ensure successful results.

Set the mosaic on a substrate rated to hold hard surfaces such as wood, terracotta & natural stone. Make sure that the substrate surface is even, clean and completely dry.

It is always recommended to prepare the surface with a waterproof membrane.

Proceed to setting the mosaic on a Thin Set mixed according to fabricator's instructions.

Before grouting, allow setting material to cure and verify that the mortar is dry and mosaic pieces are solidly adhered in it.

**WOOD COMPONENT:** If wood is present in the mosaic at a 50% or higher ratio, a wood adhesive should be used instead of thin set.

Please contact Tabarka Studio if unsure which adhering method or product to use.

Always follow manufacturer's instructions and guidelines for adhesive materials.

Sealing the mosaic is recommended prior to grouting.

Grout as usual, using high quality grouting products and follow fabricator's instructions. Clean the grout with a damp sponge. Buff any powder residue with a soft dry cloth. We recommend sealing the grout after installation.

## SUITABILITY:

ALL STONE MOSAIC: Suitable for all indoor wall and medium duty flooring. Suitable for use in wet areas where tiles are not submerged.

STONE & TERRACOTTA: Suitable for all indoor wall and medium duty flooring. Suitable for use in wet areas where tiles are not submerged.

WOOD COMPONENT: Suitable for all indoor wall and light duty flooring. Not recommended for wet applications.

GOLD OR SILVER LEAF COMPONENT: Suitable for all indoor wall and light duty flooring. Not recommended for wet applications.

SUITABILITY ON WORKING SURFACES: It is not recommended to use Petite Alliance on kitchen countertops or working surfaces since the acidity of liquid spills, and excessive heat from cooking utensils may damage the surface.

If using around a fireplace or near a stove (such as kitchen backsplash), care should be taken that the material is not exposed to high levels of direct heat.

## CARE & MAINTENANCE:

Avoid all drinks, foods and products that contain alcohol, citrus, vinegar or other acids as they will stain or dull the surface. Dust mop regularly. On floor surfaces cleaning with a damp mop and mild soap is suggested. On walls you may also apply mild cleaning products like Blem or Murphy's Soap Oil with a soft sponge. Always avoid the use of abrasive products containing bleach, ammonia and/or paint thinner. Never scrub with rough materials that may scratch the surface.

## WARRANTY:

In the unlikely event of product failure, Tabarka Studio will repair and/or replace, at its discretion, the affected area of the materials at a cost not to exceed the original square-foot cost of the portion of the material shown to be defective. All claims must be submitted to Tabarka Studio before tear out and re-install begins.

Tabarka Studio will not be responsible for material failures resulting from use over a damaged, defective or improperly prepared surface.

This warranty does not cover normal wear and tear or cracking due to structural movement, excessive deflections or other failures in the substrate or framing, including damage resulting from weather, flood, fire and acts of God.

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