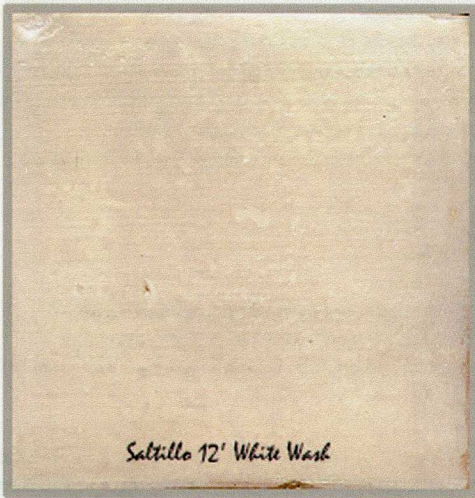
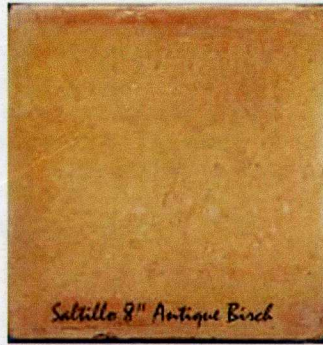


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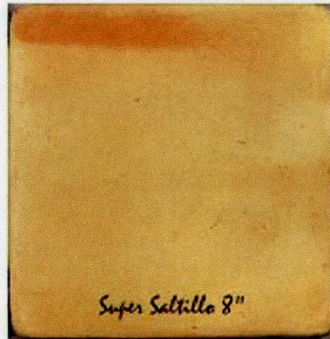
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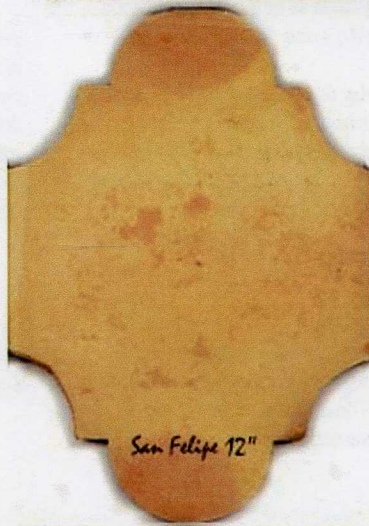
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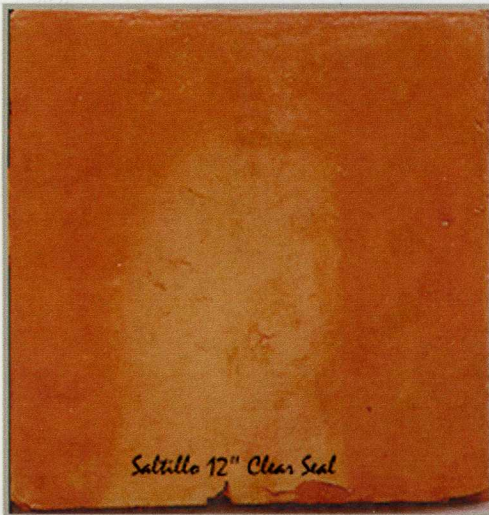
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Saltilla 2" Clear Seal Con Chiles



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SALTILLO TILE: AGELESS BEAUTY

Myths and misinformation abound about these centuries-old terra-cotta pavers made only in Northern Mexico. Some people mistakenly believe that these natural clay tiles are merely "sun-dried". Although sun-drying is indeed one step in its production, Saltillo tiles are kiln-fired. The way in which these handmade tiles are stacked and positioned in the kiln produce their natural soft shading and range of color from amber to terra-cotta.

The great popularity of Saltillo tiles must be attributed to their universal appeal and their low cost. They can be used in interior and exterior applications (exterior only in mild climates) and seem to complement virtually any style of decorating. Similar clay tiles have been used throughout the world for hundreds of years. In France, they seem to be the perfect flooring for Country French decorating. In Italy, Spain, Portugal and Mexico, they lend themselves beautifully to Mediterranean architecture. In the United States, Saltillo clay tiles are the material of choice for discerning buyers of natural terra-cotta tile floors.

These versatile tiles definitely have a look all their own, and as we become increasingly automated and industrialized, demand and appreciation continues to increase for the beauty and uniqueness of these hand-made tiles.

Frequently Asked Questions

My slab foundation is not recessed. Can I use Saltillo Tile?

Yes, it can be thin-set directly to your slab or it can be set in a mortar bed. When height and clearances are critical, consider thin-setting 8" x 8" which raises your floor approximately 3/4" overall, versus 12" x 12" which needs approximately 1".

Why are some of the tiles reddish in color and others yellowish and yet others striped?

It has to do with their placement in the kiln. The closer to the flame, the more yellow in color. Those that are in the upper section of the kiln will fire red. The striping is created by the overlapping of tiles when they are stacked in the kiln.

Why do the tiles vary in size and thickness?

Saltillo tile is hand-made from natural native clays and fired in oven designs that have been used for centuries. Because of these centuries-old methods, the tiles will vary in size and thickness. Thousands of beautiful installations have been completed throughout the world using these tiles.

What is the difference between regular Saltillo and Super Saltillo?

Regular Saltillo has square edges and corners and is the best selection for the person who likes the more rustic look of handmade clay tiles. It has lots of character or as we say, it is "perfectly imperfect". Super Saltillo on the other hand has a smoother surface rounded corners and edges, yet retains all the beauty and soft shading of the natural clay colors. They are molded differently but fired in the same kiln and are made of the same clay.

Can I use Saltillo Tile outdoors?

It can be used outdoors in temperate climates. There are special sealers available for outside use or it can be ordered from the factory with an exterior grade sealer and finish ready for installation. The sealing of Saltillo tile is optional and is done only to protect the tile from stains.

What are the advantages of buying Saltillo tile presealed?

Consistent Quality, thoroughly tested finishes to give you maximum performance, and you can move onto the floor the next day, are some of the advantages.

Isn't the finishing and upkeep of Saltillo tile floors a lot of trouble?

My neighbor had to strip and reseat her Saltillo floor in the house she just bought? Can this be avoided?

The old method of maintaining natural terra-cotta floors was to oil and wax them. Today, however with durable water based sealers and finishes that are safe and easy to use and can be applied by mopping, the elegance of a handmade tile floor can be yours. Proper maintenance of Saltillo does not require stripping and resealing. Like in any thing else "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure".

How do I maintain my new Saltillo tile floor?

Wipe up spills immediately and keep it free of surface dirt.. Dust or damp mopping is best (Never flood the floor with water). If necessary, use only mild cleaners that do not contain ammonia. Individual conditions and taste determine when to reapply a top finish. When you see areas starting to show wear it is time to apply a top finish. Use a water based top finish recommended for terra-cotta tile, and follow the manufacturer's directions. Apply to a small test area first to insure satisfactory results.

Installation tips

Never soak or acid wash Saltillo tile. Do not leave a grout film on the surface of the tile during installation. Cover the completed tile job with Kraft paper or corrugated paper during construction for protection.(Do not apply tape to the surface of the tile)

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