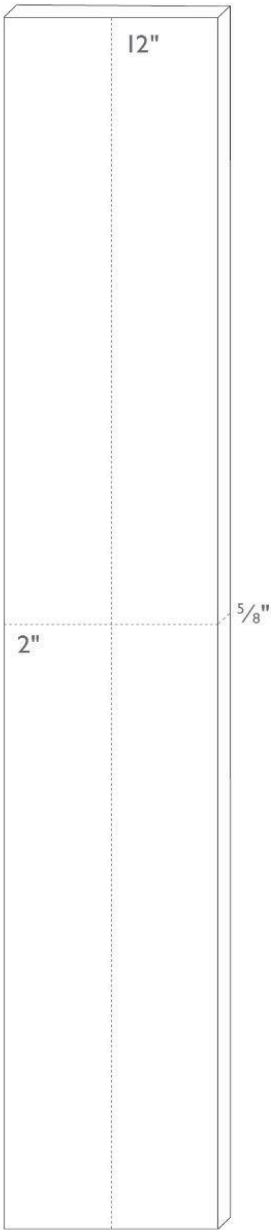


# ARCHITECT'S PALETTE

USAGE	Y / N
interior floor	Y*
interior wall	Y*
exterior floor	N
exterior wall	Y*
light residential traffic	Y
heavy residential traffic	N
light commercial traffic	N
heavy commercial traffic	N
industrial traffic	N
shower	Y*
steam shower	N
fountain	N
pool	N
freeze/thaw	N
UV resistant	Y
radiant heating compatible	Y
heat resistant	Y
fireplace surround	Y
stove backsplash	Y*
sink backsplash	Y*
grout joint size	¼"



**Standard thickness for Architect's Palette is 5/8".**  
Please note all dimensions are nominal. Please note that dimensions can vary +/- 1/4".  
\* There are specific installation requirements for this usage. Please review the "Installation Areas", "Grout", and "Sealing, Maintenance, & Care" sections below and discuss with your installer.

# ANTIQUE TERRACOTTA

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**What's in our tile:** Architect's Palette is an edited collection of elongated planks of terracotta tile. Coated in a silky matte glaze, these hand-hewn tiles are made of traditional, rustic Italian clay and are available in architect approved hues. The "listello" shape was traditionally used as a decorative border on installations, but with its elongated and linear shape, it can be easily used in almost any application and installation area, even as a substitution for subway tile or elevating a herringbone pattern or stack.

Due to the handmade craftsmanship of our tiles and the variety of materials used, there will be degrees of variation in color, shade, size and texture across production lots or batches. This means that your sample may not be a perfect match with your actual order, and that your add-on order may not be a perfect match to either. **This is the beauty of artisanal tile!**

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## INSPECTING YOUR SHIPMENT

- **WHAT TO EXPECT** – Architect's Palette is a collection of elongated terracotta planks hand-made from traditional, rustic Italian clay and coated in a silky matte glaze. ALSO- Dust and shipping residue are to be expected and should be cleaned prior to installing.
  - **BLEND BLEND BLEND** - due to variations in color and shade of architect's palette tiles, it is important to blend the tiles from all boxes once they arrive and place them in their installation area to ensure you have the layout you want before installing.
  - **ORDER EXTRA!** - industry standard suggests adding at least 15% overage due to tile cuts, potential shipping breakage, or future repairs.
  - **SHIPMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER** – tiles may be exposed to moisture and/or condensation during production or shipping which may affect the color of the tiles once received. Setting the tiles out to dry prior to installation will return the color to normal. Do not install tiles until fully dried.
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## INSTALLATION FYIs

- **GENERAL GUIDELINES, NOT INSTRUCTIONS** - clé offers general information about our tiles and their unique qualities and usages. Proper installation will only be attained if you have selected a seasoned installer with years of experience with artisan tiles. Any installer without artisan tile experience will not know how to install clé tiles and will likely result in failed installations.

- **INSTALLATION DEEMS ACCEPTANCE OF YOUR ORDER** - if you are not 100% sure of your tiles- DO NOT INSTALL THEM. As is standard in the tile industry and with all construction materials, installation deems acceptance of materials. Do not install if there are visible issues. If you have any doubts or are unsure of what qualifies as a visible issue for the tile you are installing, please reach out to us PRIOR to installation. Our tiles are subject to variations in color, texture, size, and finish. Misuse by contractor or end-user including but not limited to negligence, physical and/or chemical abuse, as well as order shortages ARE NOT a clé responsibility and therefore, not covered by clé's warranty.
- **TILE IS A MATERIAL. INSTALLATION ERRORS ARE NOT THE FAULT OF THE MATERIAL** – clé tile is a material. Tile is merely the surface of your construction. Installation problems will arise from inexperienced artisan tile installers, substrate, or construction engineering and/or installation issues. Please refer to your project architect, structural engineer and/or installer for best results.
- **PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR INSTALLER'S LEVEL OF ARTISAN TILE EXPERIENCE** - your installation will only be as good as your installer. Please visit our blog for tips on [how to choose an installer](https://www.cletile.com/blogs/cle-notes/how-to-choose-contractor-installer) (<https://www.cletile.com/blogs/cle-notes/how-to-choose-contractor-installer>).
- **REQUIRE YOUR INSTALLER PERFORM A “DRY RUN” BEFORE BEGINNING YOUR INSTALLATION** – before installing, make sure to lay out and blend ALL BOXES of your tiles so that your variations in color, and tiles that bear chips and pits are artfully placed as you would like. clé selects our tiles for their hand-hewn variations and their inherent surface and color variations, which include pits, cracks, and chipping. The best placement of these nuances throughout your installation must be guided by you and/or your design professional to realize the best possible blend of your shipment of our limited-availability tiles. Your installation is only as good as your DRY RUN.
- **DO NOT USE TAPE, BLUE TAPE, OR OTHER TAPE** - do not use blue tape or other construction tape during product installation. We cannot guarantee that the tape will not erode or damage our products.
- **WAIT UNTIL YOUR PROJECT IS COMPLETE BEFORE INSTALLING YOUR TILES** - install the tiles as late as possible in the project to minimize the risk of damaging the tile.
- **REQUIRE MOCK-UP BOARDS** – your next step to ensure your tiles will be organized properly and your grout joint size and color, as well as your sealant, are done to your design professional's specifications- we urge you to require your installer create mock-up boards prior to your installation. This is a STANDARD PRACTICE for seasoned installers as it enables the end-user and their design professional to test all the tile layouts in mock-up form and, also will allow for the mock-up boards to be examined in the space and lighting in which the tiles will be used. Before beginning the mock-up boards- make sure to FIRST do your above-recommended DRY RUN and lay out and blend your tiles as described in that section.

- To accommodate variations in tile sizes, wedge spacers can be used to keep tile lines straight during installation.
  - Cutting Architect's Palette tiles with a wet saw can enhance the crazed finish of the glaze. This happens because the slurry, created from the tile dust mixed with water, settles into the cracks on the surface of the glaze. To avoid enhancing the crazed finish, we recommend dry cutting the tile.
  - **TCNA and ANSI** - please refer to the current edition of the TCNA Handbook for best installation results and ANSI A137.1 American National Standard Specifications for Ceramic Tile to reference specifications.
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## INSTALLATION AREAS

- Architect's Palette tiles are radiant heating compatible and can be used on interior floors in areas with light foot traffic.
- Architect's Palette tiles are not suitable for exterior floor use.
- Architect's Palette tiles can be used on interior and exterior walls. In cold-weather areas, there must be a flashing or roofing overhead and the tiles must be sealed with a water-repellent sealer.
- Architect's Palette tiles can be used on shower walls and floors. On floors, the natural variation on the surface of the tile can provide additional protection against slipping. Additionally, using a thicker grout line, an off-center placement and/or cutting into smaller 2" x 2" tiles, can also provide protection because there are more grout lines.
- Architect's Palette tiles are not suitable for use in steam showers, pools, fountains, or their water lines.
- Architect's Palette tiles are not freeze/thaw rated.
- Architect's Palette tiles are UV resistant.
- Architect's Palette tiles are heat resistant and can be used on fireplace surrounds.
- Architect's Palette tiles can be used as a stove backsplash. Please consult with your installer to see if a range splash is required for your installation.
- Architect's Palette tiles can be installed in bathrooms and on sink backsplashes with the application of a penetrating sealer.

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## GROUT

- clé recommends a 1/4" inch grout joint with this collection.
- clé recommends using mortar and grout that comply with the ANSI A118 or ISO 13007 classifications suitable for your project. Please consult with your installation professional to make these determinations.
- Grout color selection is always up to our client and/or their design professional. However, clé is often asked for our opinion on best grout selections for our tiles. And due to the large array of grout colors that are now available, clé would like to offer this general guideline on a grout color selection for any of your clé tiles.
  - First, have your contractor complete your tile installation, except for the grout portion.
  - Next, ask your contractor to bring ALL grout color charts from his preferred grout manufacturer for your review.
  - Lastly, choose a time of day when you are most pleased with the lighting in your space (either natural lighting, installed lighting or a blend of both). During that lighting and time of day, select the grout color that best matches your tile selection.
- If you are working with highly color-variegated tiles or a combination of tiles, we recommend that you follow the above recommendations—but match your grout to the color in your installation that you would like to accentuate.
- For Architect's Palette, you must apply sealant or a grout release before grouting to minimize risk of grout haze and to allow for easy clean up.
- It is not recommended to use dark grouts for lighter glazes of architect's palette, even with the use of sealant or grout release. The thin crackle/hairline crazing on the tile surface may get stained if using a dark grout. A like-colored grout is recommended to minimize the possibility of curing/staining in the inherent hairline cracks.
- If your contractor is having any issues or questions regarding grout, please reach out to the grout manufacturer directly. They are the best and fastest line of contact.

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## SEALING, MAINTENANCE, AND CARE

- Architect's Palette tiles should be sealed for all applications (dry and wet) to maintain their appearance and avoid staining. Both the tile surface and grouted areas should be sealed as the final step of installation.
- Please note that over time the tile will develop a crackled patina. This is an intrinsic characteristic of Architect's Palette.
- Please follow Laticrete's [Sealing, Maintenance, and Care guide](#) for more guidance on sealing, cleaning, maintaining, and caring for your tile installation.
- **If you have any questions regarding Laticrete products or how to use them, please contact Laticrete directly by phone: 1-800-243-4788 X 1235.**

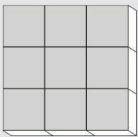
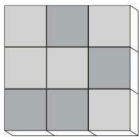
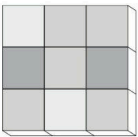
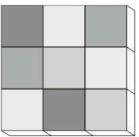
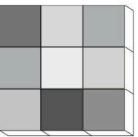
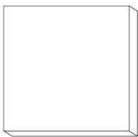
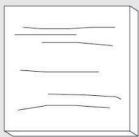
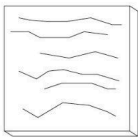
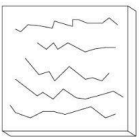
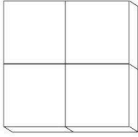
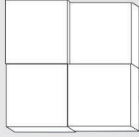
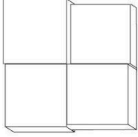
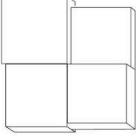
# ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATIONS

## COLOR, TEXTURE AND SIZE VARIATION

Due to the handmade craftsmanship of many of our tiles and the variety of materials used, there are degrees of variation in our tiles color, shade, and texture. These differences are more pronounced in certain types of tiles than others, especially in tiles from separate production lots, or “batches”. This makes it unlikely that your sample will be a perfect match with your actual order or that your add-on order will be a perfect match to your actual order.

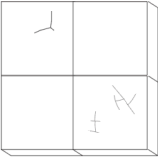
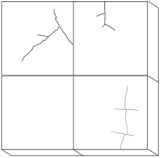
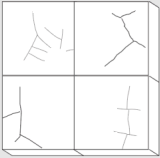
The following is a guide for the different degrees of variation that we have assigned our tiles:

Architect’s Palette tiles are rated ‘level 1: low’ for color variation, ‘level 2: slight’ for texture variation and ‘level 2: medium’ for size variation.

CATEGORY	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 5
COLOR VARIATION	<div> low</div>	<div> slight</div>	<div> medium</div>	<div> heavy</div>	<div> extreme</div>
TEXTURE VARIATION	<div> smooth</div>	<div> slight</div>	<div> medium</div>	<div> heavy</div>	n/a
SIZE VARIATION	<div> slight</div>	<div> medium</div>	<div> heavy</div>	<div> extreme</div>	n/a

IMPERFECTIONS

Architect's Palette tiles are rated 'level 3: heavy' for crazing.

	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
CRAZING	<div> will occur</div>	<div> medium</div>	<div> heavy</div>



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## FLOOR RATING

Architect's Palette is rated I (can be used for light residential traffic only)

### **I** light residential

for residential areas with light foot traffic. For example: bathroom, bedroom, formal dining and living rooms.

please note the following:

- not suitable for shoes with hard sole profiles (cleats, stilettos, etc.)
- the floor must be kept clean from abrasive debris (gravel, mud, salt, etc.)
- immediately clean all stains (food, personal and household care products, oils, paints, etc.)

### **II** heavy residential

for residential areas with continuous foot traffic. For example: entry, hallway, kitchen, foyer, laundry, and mud rooms. please note the following:

- the floor must be kept clean from abrasive debris (sand, gravel, mud, salt, etc.)
- immediately clean all stains (food, personal and household care products, oils, paints, etc.)

### **III** light commercial

for commercial areas with light foot traffic. For example: commercial offices, doctor's offices, and boutiques.

please note the following:

- the floor must be kept clean from abrasive debris (sand, gravel, mud, salt, etc.)
- immediately clean all stains (food, personal and household care products, oils, paints, etc.)

### **IV** heavy commercial

for commercial areas with continuous foot traffic. For example: hotel lobby, retail, corridors in an office building, shopping mall and restaurant. please note the following:

- the floor must be kept clean from abrasive debris (sand, gravel, mud, salt, etc.)
- immediately clean all stains (food, personal and household care products, oils, paints, etc.)

### **V** industrial

standard industrial floor use with no extreme, heavy breakage or spillage. For example: restaurant kitchen, bar work area, winery production, exterior hotel entry, airport, car showroom, driveway. please note the following:

- the floor must be kept clean from abrasive debris (sand, gravel, mud, salt, etc.)
- immediately clean all stains (food, personal and household care products, oils, paints, etc.)

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**PRODUCT DESCRIPTION**

Handmade, matte glazed terracotta tiles.

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**PRODUCT COMPONENTS**

Clay, glaze, pigments.

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**DIMENSIONS**

Rectangle	5 cm x 30 cm x 1.6 cm (2" X 12" X 5/8") / .51 kg per tile (1.12 lbs)
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\* Please note that all dimensions are nominal. There can be substantial variations in size (+/- 1/2") given the reclaimed nature of these tiles.

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**AVERAGE COEFFICIENT OF FRICTION (DCOF ACUTEST)**

DCOF has not been performed at this time.

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**FREEZE/THAW RESISTANCE (ASTM C1026)**

Architect's Palette tiles are not freeze/thaw resistant.

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**WATER ABSORPTION TEST (ASTM C373)**

Avg: 17.0%; Non-vitreous.

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**ACID RESISTANCE**

Architect's Palette tiles are not resistant to acids and should be cleaned with pH neutral cleaners.

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## LEED CREDITS

The product is an inherently non-emitting source of VOCs (stone, ceramic, metals, powder-coated metals, plated or anodized metal, glass, cement, clay brick, and unfinished or untreated solid wood) and has no integral organic-based surface coatings, binders, or sealants.

Architect's Palette tiles are considered 'inherently non-emitting sources' under the Low-emitting Materials Credit of LEEDv4/v4.1. **This is currently the only credit for our Architect's Palette tile that is eligible to be used toward LEED.**

'Inherently non-emitting' means that these tile types have been shown to not contribute emissions to indoor environments and are therefore exempt from demonstrating compliance with CDPH v1.1-2010 or CDPH v1.2-2017.

Use of these tiles as Wall or Flooring materials should be entered in the LEED v4.1 low-emitting materials Calculator and identified as 'inherently non-emitting' in the Products Tab (Column L).

Disclosures for MR Credit Material Ingredient Disclosures under LEEDv4/v4.1, are not available at this time. We are exploring our disclosure options and have not established a timeline for completion.

Disclosures for MR Credit Environmental Product Declarations under LEEDv4/4.1, are not available at this time. We are exploring our disclosure options and have not established a timeline for completion.

Contribution to MR Credit Material Sourcing under LEEDv4/v4.1, does not apply as there is no recycled content, no bio-based materials, no wood, no reused products included in our tile at this time. Extended producer responsibility programs are highly difficult to manage given the nature of end-of-use tile removal methods.

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## **RECYCLED CONTENT**

There is no recycled content in our antique terracotta tiles. See material sourcing disclosure above.

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## **PERCENTAGE OF PRE-CONSUMER AND/OR POST-CONSUMER MATERIALS**

There is no pre-consumer or post-consumer material content in our antique terracotta tiles. See material sourcing disclosure above.

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## **FIRE RATING**

Typically, ceramic tile does not need to have fire rating testing performed. It is our understanding from TCNA that the explanation that ceramic is inorganic, inert, and typically free of materials that could burn or produce smoke is generally enough to satisfy a specifier and that testing is not necessary. Also, the temperatures observed in the testing are typically lower than the temperatures at which ceramic tiles are fired.

Terracotta is a ceramic tile and falls under the description, “because ceramic tile is non-flammable and does not produce smoke in a fire, it inherently meets the flame spread and smoke development requirements of Section 803 of the International Building Code (IBC) for interior wall and ceiling materials.”

