



FIRECLAY TILE

GUIDE TO Tile Trim

ORIGINAL CERAMIC TILE BODY

Trim is one of the most important details you'll need to consider for your tile project. While trim can be tricky, it doesn't have to be. Our comprehensive guide takes the guesswork out of trim to ensure all your bases are covered.



WHY TRIM?

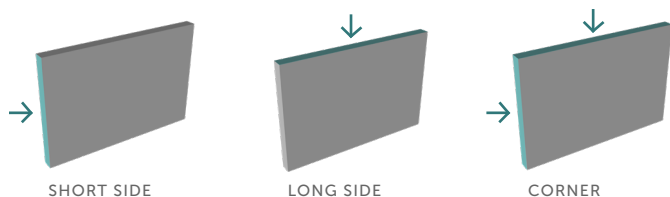
- Trim gives your installation a clean, finished look by creating seamless transitions and hiding mud set and thin set.
- Trim is vital for wet environments to keep water from pooling in corners.
- Trim can reinforce stress points between the wall and floor by repelling water.
- Fireclay Tile is one of the only companies that offers fully customizable tile trim. Contact your Design Consultant or email hello@fireclaytile.com for details.



Trim Glossary

GLAZED EDGE

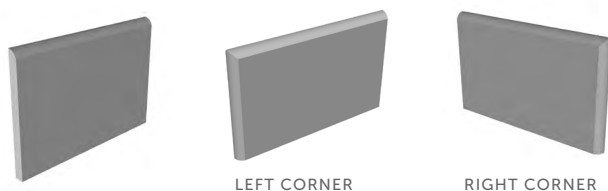
Tile with a glazed edge.



Uses: Be sure to specify which edge needs to be glazed. We recommend requesting Glazed Edges for Thin Brick and Handpainted Tile installations that will have exposed edges, as these pieces do not have Bullnose options.

SURFACE BULLNOSE (SBN)

A tile piece that has a rounded, glazed edge that can be placed horizontally or vertically. It can also come as a corner piece (right or left) that features two perpendicular rounded glazed edges.

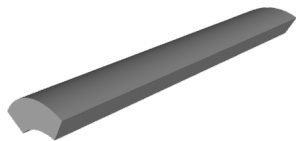


Uses: If your tile installation doesn't extend to the ceiling or ends flush with a cabinet wall, the Bullnose's rounded edge can help cap it off and create a smooth transition between the tile and the wall. It also hides exposed tile edges as well as mud/thin set. Please note that our Glazed Thin Brick, and Handpainted Tiles do not have Bullnose trim options and will require a Glazed Edge or some other trim piece.

Size(s): Available for field sizes greater than 2x2

QUARTER ROUND

A thin, curved trim piece that is glazed on the outside. Its edges are unglazed on both sides.

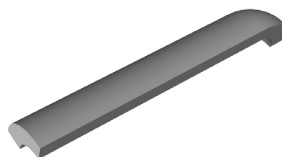


Uses: Quarter Rounds are one of the most popular and frequently used trim pieces. Use it as a transition between wall and tile to hide the mud setting and create a clean, curved glazed edge. You can also use it to round corners or frame out shower niches, window sills, and under-mount sinks.

Size(s): 1x6

BEAK

Named for its resemblance to a bird beak. A Beak is used to finish a three-way corner.

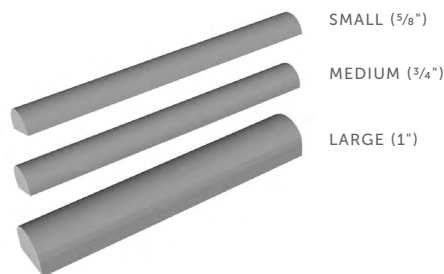


Uses: A Beak is essentially a Quarter Round with a pointed tip made specifically to connect with two regular Quarter Rounds. Sometimes you'll see Quarter Rounds mitered at the edge to create a corner, but Beaks can offer a more polished look.

Size(s): 5½"

ROUND LINER

A curved, solid trim piece that is fully glazed on both sides.

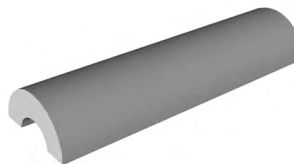


Uses: Adding a little more dimension than a Quarter Round, Round Liners are a simple yet decorative way to cap off the edge of tile or frame a statement installation. It's also a simpler alternative to the more ornate Architectural trim pieces. Round Liners can only turn corners if they are miter cut.

Size(s): 5/8x6, 3/4x6, and 1x6

HALF ROUND

A curved trim piece that is fully glazed.



Uses: Protruding slightly further than a Round Liner, Half Rounds are a simple yet decorative way to cap off the edge of tile or frame a statement installation. Unlike Quarter Rounds, Half Rounds cannot turn corners without mitering. Half Rounds installed in a stacked, repeating pattern can be used to create a fluted effect.

Size(s): 1½x6

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Trim Glossary *(continued)*

FLAT LINER

A thin, flat trim piece. Glazed edge(s) upon request.

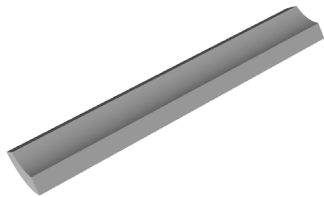


Uses: Flat Liners can be used to frame statement tile and backsplashes. We can add a glazed edge to a Flat Liner upon request as an alternative to Bullnose or Quarter Rounds. Flat Liners with Glazed Edges are popular trim pieces for specialty shapes and tile patterns that aren't straight set.

Size(s): 1x6

FINGER COVE

Concavely curved Quarter Round trim piece that's glazed on the inside.

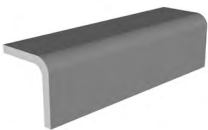


Uses: Finger Coves are a good way to frame out the inside corner of an installation in a wet environment. It keeps the corner from retaining water inside the grout, such as in a shower floor or niche.

Size(s): 1x4 and 1x6

SQUARE CAP

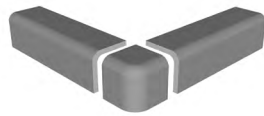
A tile with a rounded, concave edge.



SQUARE CAP



SQUARE CAP
CORNER



SQUARE CAP
AND CORNER

Uses: The Square Cap wraps around an outside corner to create rounded edges for a finished look. It pairs well with a sink cap and can be used when tile transitions over a sink, window sill, or niche.

Size(s): 1½x6

Other Available Piece(s): Corner

COVE BASE

A tile piece that has a concavely curved edge. A regular Cove Base has a flat top edge that allows you to add tile right above it. A Cove Base Round Top has a glazed, rounded top like a Surface Bullnose.



ROUNDED TOP

Uses: A Cove Base is often used to join wall tile to floor tile, especially in wet environments like the bathroom and shower. The concave edge keeps water from collecting in the grout. Commercial projects are required to have Cove Bases so water isn't retained in the grout. However, it's recommended for residential applications as well.

Size(s): 4x4, 4x6, and 6x6

SANITARY COVE BASE

A tile piece that has a concavely curved edge and a tapered bullnose base that sits flush with the floor.



Uses: A Sanitary Cove Base is often used to join wall tile to non-tile floors, especially in wet environments like the bathroom and shower. The concave edge keeps water from collecting in the grout. Commercial projects are often required to have Sanitary Cove Bases so water isn't retained in the grout. However, it can be used in residential applications as well.

Size(s): 4x4, 4x6, and 6x6

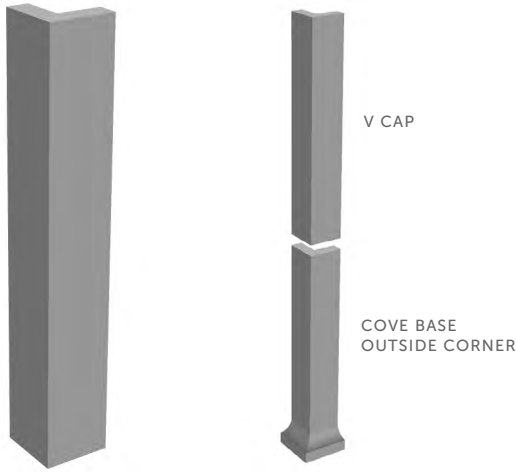
Other available pieces: Inside and Outside Corner

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Trim Glossary *(continued)*

V CAP

A V-Shaped edge to use in tandem with Outside Cove Base

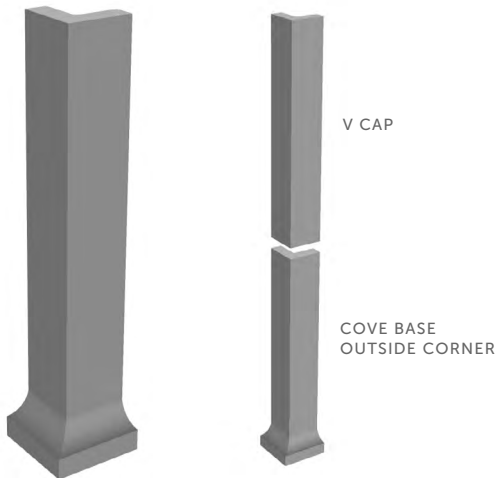


Uses: This trim piece is paired with Cove Base Outside Corners. V Caps match the angled edge of Cove Base Outside Corners for a cohesive appearance from the floor up a wall to finish a vertical corner. This trim piece is a tile-to-tile transition.

Size(s): 4", 6"

COVE BASE OUTSIDE CORNER

A thin, convex corner piece that's glazed on the outside.



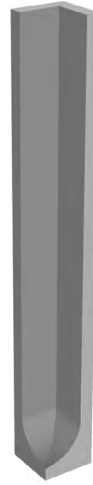
Uses: When two Cove Bases intersect at an outside corner, you'll need a Cove Base Outside Corner to join them and keep water from being retained in the grout.

Size(s): 4" and 6"

Other available pieces: Sanitary Outside Cove Corner

COVE BASE INSIDE CORNER

A thin, concave corner piece with a beaked tip that's glazed on the inside.



Uses: When two Cove Bases intersect at an inside a corner, you'll need a Cove Base Inside Corner to create a junction and keep water from being retained in the grout. Do not use a Cove Base Inside Corner to continue up a wall vertically. This piece does *not* match up with the Finger Cove.

Size(s): 4" and 6"

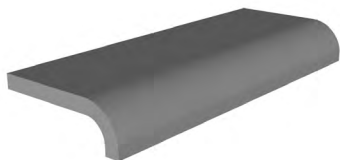
Other available pieces: Sanitary Inside Cove Corner

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RADIUS BULLNOSE

A trim piece with a rounded edge that extends further down than a Surface Bullnose.

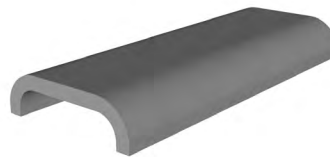


Uses: If your installation needs to round an outside corner around a wall, a countertop, or when it meets a window, a Radius Bullnose can be used to create a soft edge. It also keeps water from pooling, especially in wet environments like bathrooms or behind the sink.

Size(s): 2½x6, 4x4, 6x6

DOUBLE RADIUS BULLNOSE

A Radius Bullnose with two curved edges.



Uses: A Double Radius Bullnose has two rounded edges that extend on either side to cap off shower curbs and other situations where the installation might jut outwards. **NOTE:** If you opt for Double Radius Bullnose trim, do not begin building your shower curb until you've received your trim to ensure a proper fit.

Size(s): 2½x6

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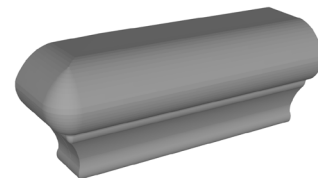
Architectural Molding

Decorative trim pieces inspired by classic architecture. Our exclusive collection of Architectural Moldings features decorative trim that enhances traditional spaces. You'll often find our Architectural Moldings bordering off tile wainscoting or lining the top of a tile installation where the wall and ceiling meet. Reference our [Architectural Molding Resource](#) or contact a Design Consultant for more information.

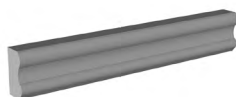
Other Available Pieces: Stop-Ends, Glazed Edges



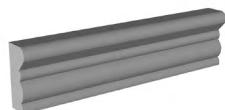
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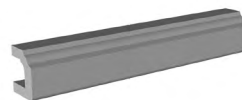
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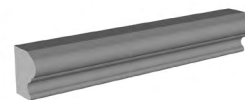
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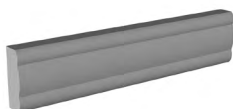
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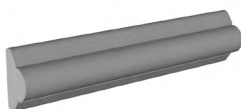
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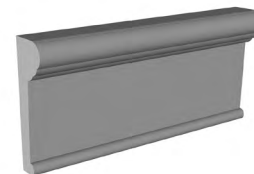
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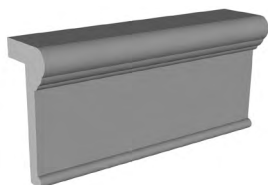
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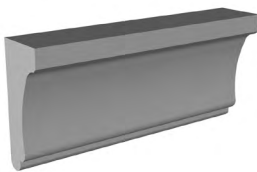
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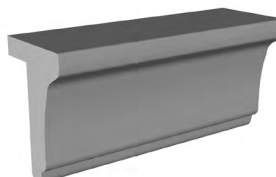
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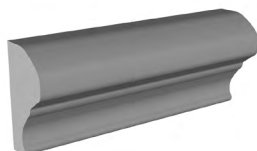
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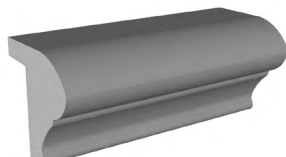
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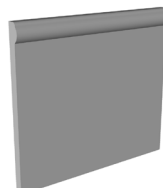
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Trim Use Cases

We've detailed a few scenarios where you'll need tile trim. The examples illustrated can vary based on the style you'd like to achieve. Be sure to speak with your Design Consultant before finalizing your trim options to get the best possible result.

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SHOWER NICHE TRIM

Tiled shower niches have the dual function of incorporating storage into your shower without taking up space. It's also an opportunity to add an extra pop of color or pattern.

For shower niches, it'll be useful to order longer tile trim to reduce grout lines on surfaces where soap and shampoo might rest. It'll also make your niche easier to clean.

Quarter Rounds will offer the most classic look, while Glazed Edge pieces are best for contemporary and modern styles.



Bullnose



Quarter Round



Glazed Edge

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Trim Use Cases *(continued)*

SHOWER CURB TRIM

Shower curbs are used to keep water from escaping a walk-in shower. It's also a great opportunity to set your project apart with tile and tile trim. Shower curb trim will prevent grout and raw tile edges from being exposed, resulting in a more stable installation.

The most common shower curb trims are Radius Bullnose and Glazed Edge. Doubling up on these trims will give you a seamless grout line down the middle of your curb that can be cut to fit your installation. Your tile installer will be able to cut tile to the appropriate width and length trim. We recommend overage so your curb is fully covered.

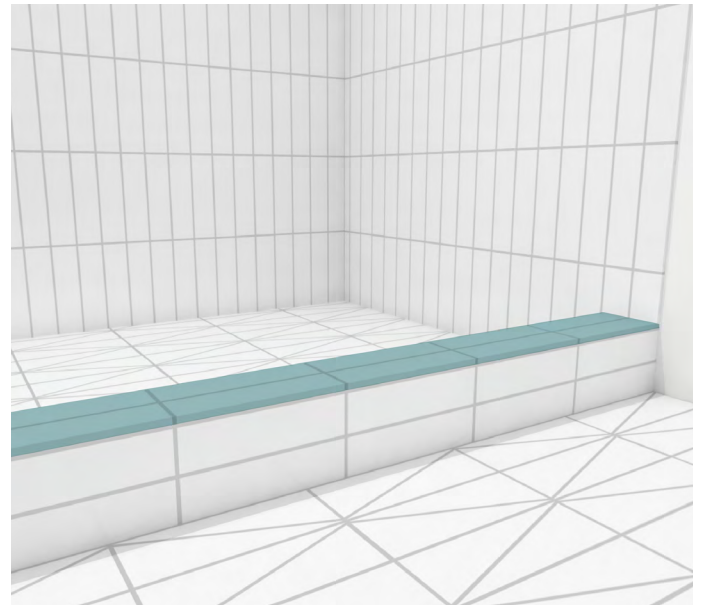
Double Radius Bullnose can be used for traditional styles. **Important:** If you opt for Double Radius Bullnose, you must build your shower curb *after* you receive your trim in order to account for its handmade size variation.



Double Radius Bullnose



Radius Bullnose



Glazed Edge

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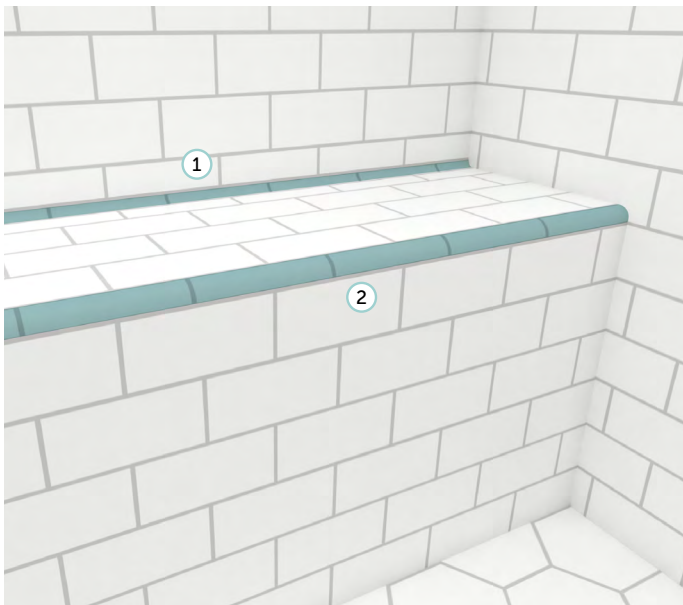
SHOWER BENCH TRIM

For showers with a built-in bench, tile offers a waterproof and easy-to-clean solution while establishing a visually seamless design.

The most common trim for Shower Benches are Bullnose, Quarter Round, and Glazed Edge. Bullnose may be the most comfortable because it offers a softer edge for sitting. However, a Glazed Edge may better suit your shower's aesthetic. The choice is purely personal, but all trims will meet your needs. Quarter Round will offer the most classic look.



Bullnose



Quarter Round and Finger Cove
Finger Cove (1) and Quarter Round (2)



Glazed Edge

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Trim Use Cases *(continued)*

PONY WALL TRIM

Pony walls are used as a shower or toilet partition and can offer additional privacy. They also offer a unique architectural detail in your bathroom. Tiling your pony wall with the same tile as your shower creates a seamless transition between spaces.

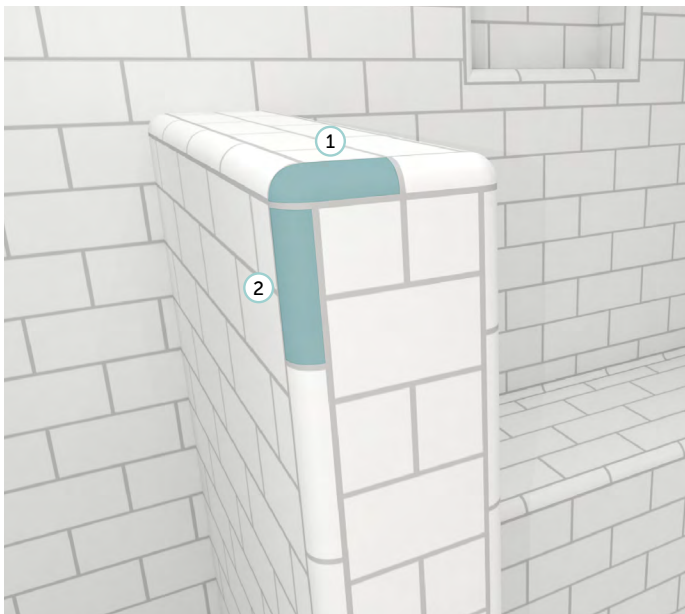
When tiling a pony wall, you'll essentially need three types of trim: (1) a Right Corner (3) a Left Corner, and (2) an Edge piece. *See illustrations for reference.*

A Quarter Round will achieve the most traditional look, while a Glazed Edge will be the most modern. Keep in mind that specialty shapes do not come in Glazed Edge options. Your Design Consultant can provide you with a visual rendering to find the trim that best suits your style.



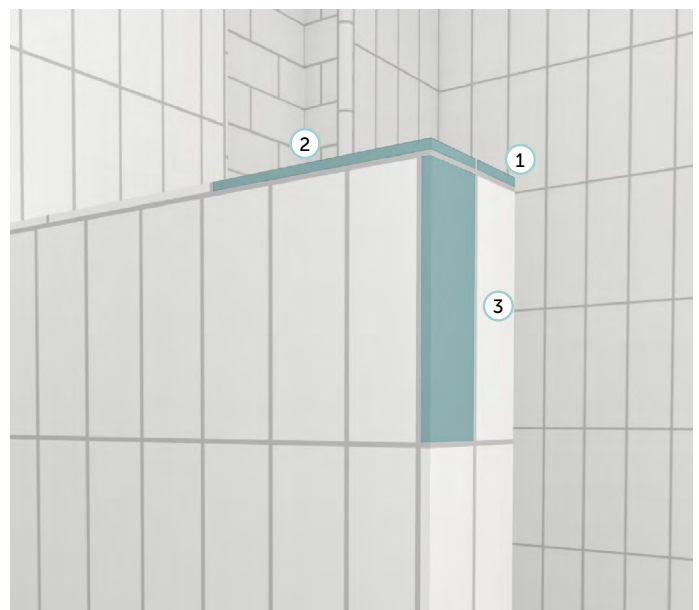
Bullnose

Long Edge (1), Left Corner (2), and Right Corner (3)



Quarter Round with Beak

Beak (1) and Quarter Round (2)



Glazed Edge

Right Corner (1), Left Corner (2), and Long Edge (3)

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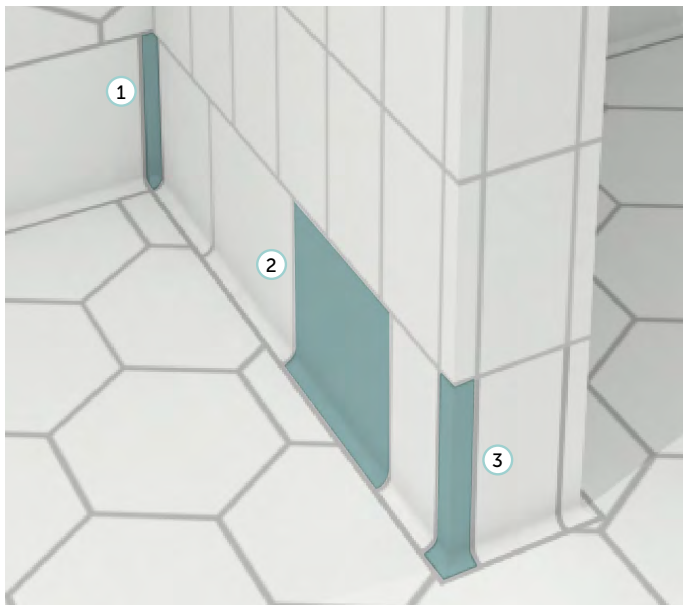
Trim Use Cases *(continued)*

FLOOR TRIM

Cove Base Trim can elevate the look of your floor tile. While not a necessity, Cove Bases can add a finished and refined look to your space depending on your aesthetic. Cove Bases also make corners more stable and easier to clean since you won't have a grout line at a 90-degree angle.

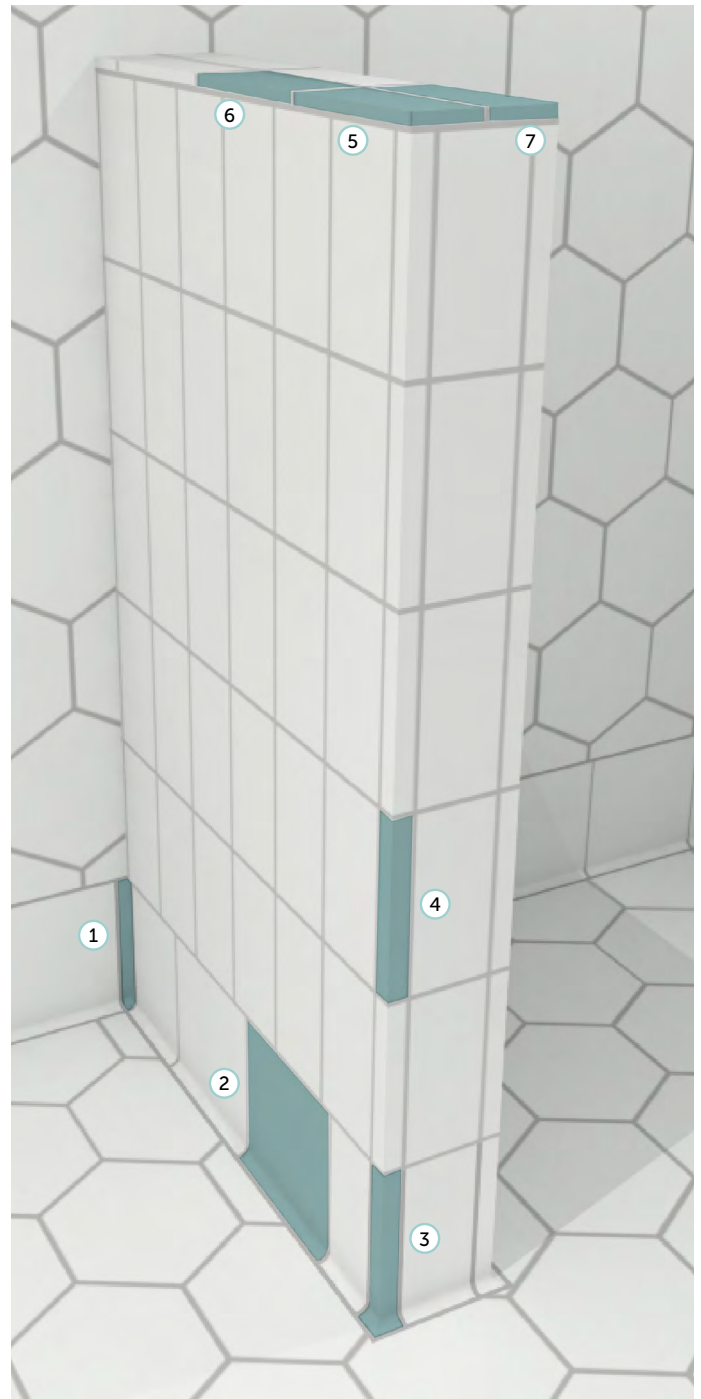
If your floor tile transitions into wall tile, you'll want to choose Cove Bases with Straight Tops to connect the two planes. If your floor tile won't transition into wall tile, you should opt for Cove Bases with Bull-Nosed tops for a finished look.

If you opt for Cove Bases, they'll likely meet at an inside or outside corner. Miter cutting Cove Bases can be tricky, so Cove Base Inside and Outside Corners offer easy solutions for your installer.



Cove Base

Inside Corner (1), Cove Base (2), Outside Corner (3)



Cove Base, V Cap, and Glazed Edge

Cove Base Inside Corner (1), Cove Base (2), Cove Base Outside Corner (3), V Cap (4), Glazed Edge Left Corner (5), Glazed Long Edge (6), Glazed Edge Right Corner (7)

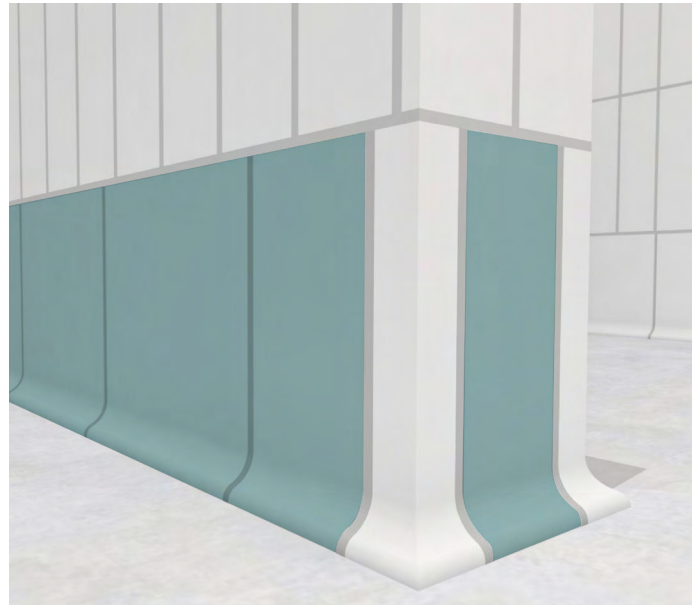
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Trim Use Cases *(continued)*

FLOOR TRIM

Sanitary Cove Base Trim takes your floor trim to the next level with a tapered bullnose base that sits on top of the flooring material. This trim piece typically serves as a tile to non-tile transition. Not only does Sanitary Cove Base offer a clean design aesthetic, but it will also make your space easier to clean by creating a smaller seam between your wall and floor.

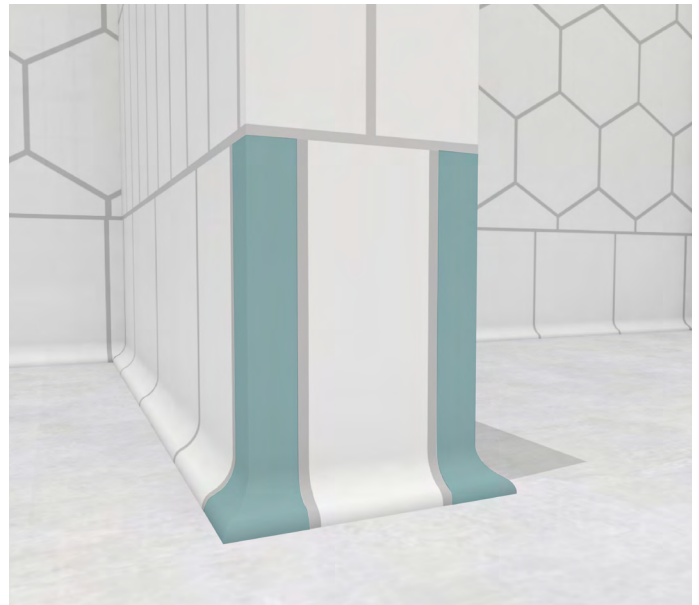
This can be especially important in a commercial setting where sanitation directly impacts the health, safety, and satisfaction of your customers and staff.



Sanitary Cove Base



Sanitary Cove Base
Inside Corner



Sanitary Cove Base
Outside Corner

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WINDOW SILL TRIM

A thoughtful detail that ties your space together, tiled window sills can set your kitchen or bathroom installation apart. If your window sill is deep enough for setting soaps, plants, or accents, tile trim also offers a waterproof and easy-to-clean surface.

Similar to a shower niche, window sills will typically require Bullnose, Quarter Round, or Glazed Edge Tile. The longer the trim, the less grout lines you'll have around the window.

If you have a particularly deep window sill, you'll also want to consider a wider trim piece to reduce grout lines. Your Design Consultant can help you determine which trim size is right for you.



Bullnose
Long Edge



Quarter Round



Glazed Edge
Long Edge

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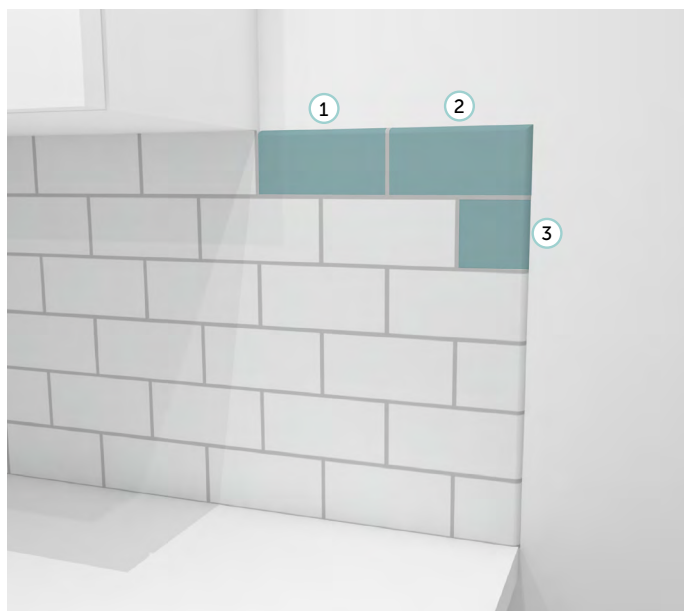
Trim Use Cases *(continued)*

BACKSPLASH TRIM

Backsplash tile will require trim if you expect your installation will have exposed edges. This will be the case if your backsplash only goes part-way up the wall or meets the wall at the edge of your kitchen or bathroom counter.

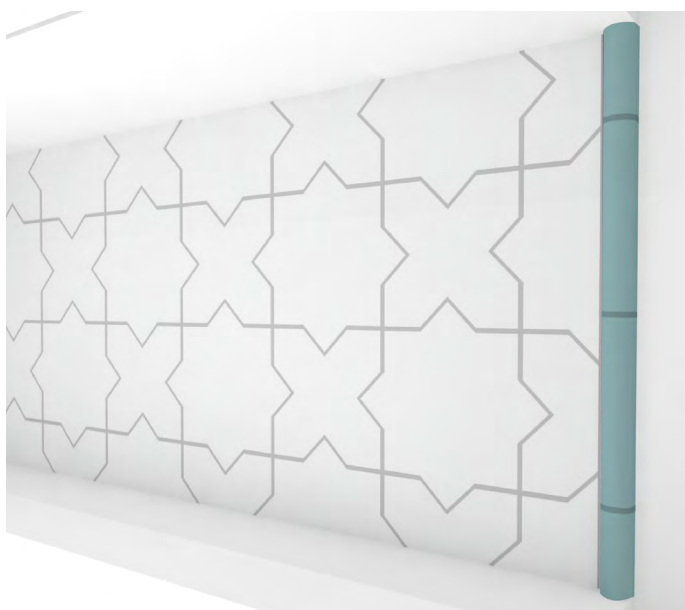
If you expect your tile backsplash to transition to the wall, you have a few trim options to hide the unglazed edges. For field tile, we recommend Glazed Edge or Bullnose trim. For specialty shapes, we recommend Flat Liners with Glazed Edges or Round Liners. See illustrations for reference.

Make sure to specify which edge(s) and corner(s) needs to be Glazed or Bullnose before placing your order with your Design Consultant.



Bullnose

You can specify which edge you want bullnosed:
Long Edge (1), **Corner** (2), or **Short Edge** (3)



Round Liner

Quarter Round is also acceptable.



Flat Liner

Long Edge

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FIREPLACE – FIREBOX TRIM

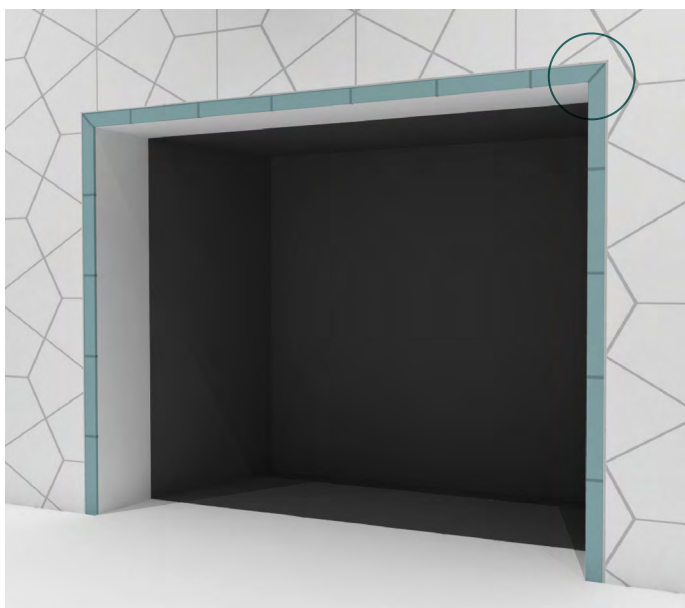
Fireplace tile is a beautiful way to highlight the architectural focal point of your space. When tiling your fireplace surround, you'll want firebox trim for a polished and professional look.

If your fireplace surround has field tile in a straight set or offset pattern, Glazed Edge trim should be a sufficient solution.

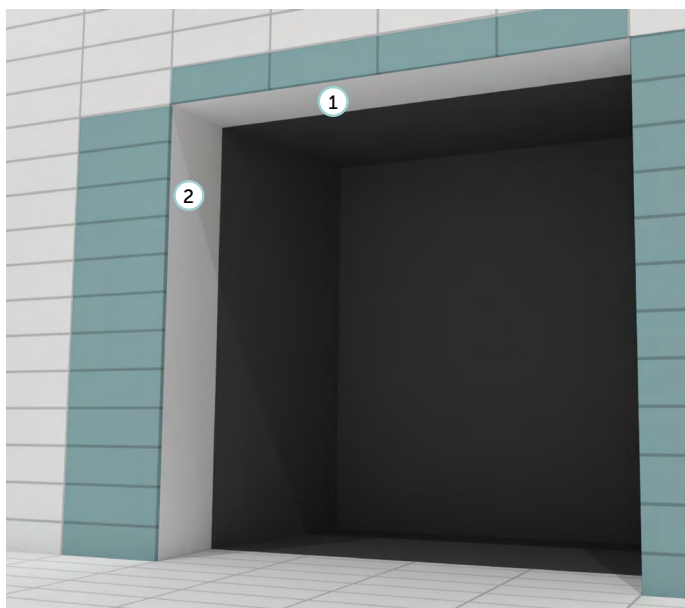
For specialty shapes and patterns like herringbone, Flat Liners with Glazed Edges offer a modern finish, while Bullnoses match well with transitional and traditional styles. For a classic look, consider Quarter Rounds or Round Liners.



Bullnose
Long Edge



Flat Liner
Long Edge with 45 degree miter to be cut by installer.



Glazed Edge
Long Edge (1) and Short Edge (2)

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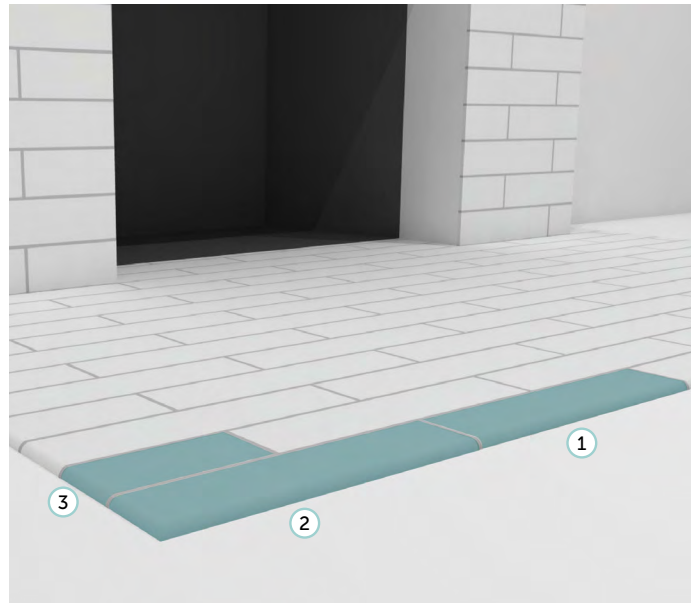
Trim Use Cases *(continued)*

FIREPLACE – HEARTH TRIM

Whether it matches your fireplace surround or you want to update it on its own, tiling your hearth can lend your fireplace extra character.

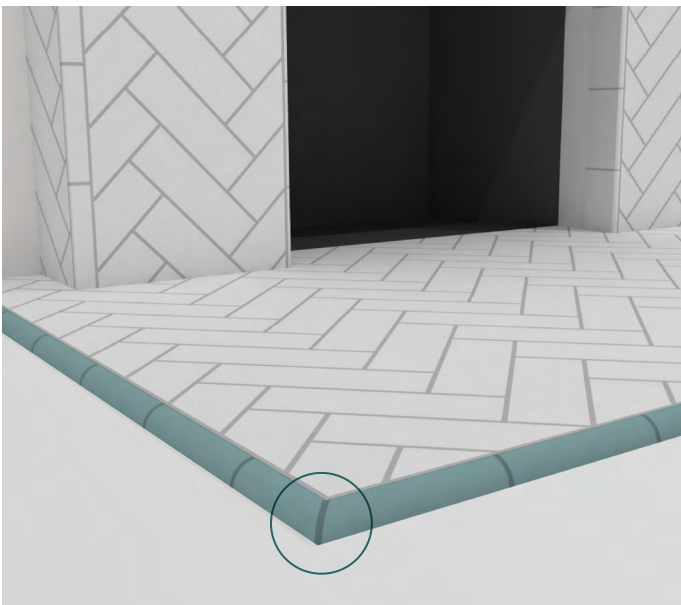
If you're thinking about adding tile to your hearth, you'll only need tile trim if it's on top of or above the floor. If your hearth is flush with the floor, you won't need trim since the floor's edge will cover the tile's exposed edges.

When designing your hearth trim, you'll need to specify the types of edges you need for your hearth, as well as the amount. Your Design Consultant can help you calculate how much you'll need. *See diagram for examples.*



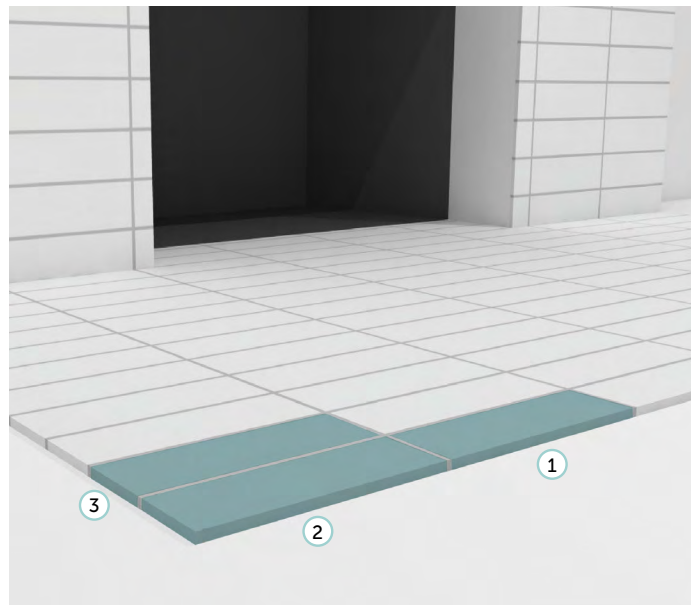
Bullnose

You can specify which edge you want bullnosed:
Long Edge (1), **Right Corner** (2), or **Short Edge** (3)



Quarter Round

45 degree miter to be cut by installer.



Glazed Edge

You can specify which edge you want glazed:
Long Edge (1), **Right Corner** (2), or **Short Edge** (3)

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Trim Use Cases *(continued)*

FIREPLACE – RETURN

If your fireplace protrudes out of the wall, tiling the “buildout”, or the plane that projects from the wall, can lend visual continuity to your space. This tile will typically match the tile you choose for your fireplace surround.

Since your tile will be turning an outside corner, you’ll need return trim. For field tile in a straight set or offset pattern, Glazed Edges should be sufficient. If using Brick, we also offer Brick Standard Corner trim.

For specialty shapes, you can use Flat Liners with Glazed Edges or Round Liners. Your Design Consultant can help you determine which style is best for you.



V Cap



Quarter Round



**Flat Liner
Long Edge**

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Trim Use Cases *(continued)*

ARCHES + CURVED NICHE

Need trim for an archway or curved niche? We've got you covered! Round liners, Surface Bullnose, and Glazed Edges are a few of the most common trim types for arches and curved niches. Trim can also help define a space, or reinforce a particular style or era. Use Round Liners and Surface Bullnose to create a soft edge, and a Glazed Edge for a more angular look.

Typically, the more angled the curve of the arch, the smaller the tile will need to be. If you aren't sure what size is best for the needs of your project, check in with your Design Consultant.



Round Liner

These pieces may need to be cut to fit the curve.



Surface Bullnose



Glazed Edge

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This vs. That



QUARTER ROUND BEAK



QUARTER ROUND W/ MITER

If your Quarter Round Trim joins at a 90-degree angle, you'll need to piece the two together with either a Quarter Round Beak or a miter cut. The advantage of a Quarter Round Beak is that it offers a polished, customized transition between two intersecting Quarter Rounds. Alternatively, your installer can connect Quarter Rounds by cutting the edges into angles so that they meet, i.e. a miter cut. This will still create a flush, 90-degree angle. However, the result may be less polished than the look a Quarter Round Beak can offer.



SURFACE BULLNOSE



GLAZED EDGE

Surface Bullnose and Glazed Edge trims are both used to hide exposed mud set or thin set once an installation transitions into drywall. A Surface Bullnose gives you a subtly curved edge for a classic look. For modern spaces, a Glazed Edge offers a sleek alternative. Whichever one you choose, be sure to specify with your Design Consultant which edges need to be Bullnose or Glazed.



FLAT LINER



ROUND LINER



ARCHITECTURAL MOLDING

Flat Liners, Round Liners, and Architectural Moldings are all transition pieces in instances where a tile installation will change from one field of color or pattern to another. The difference among these pieces is simply aesthetic. Flat Liners will lie flat against the wall and offer a contemporary look, while Round Liners and Architectural Moldings protrude further out, adding classic detailing to more traditional spaces.



COVE BASE



TILE-TO-TILE

Commercial kitchens and commercial bathrooms associated with kitchens or food prep are required to have Cove Bases*. Although you'll often find residential installations with simple Tile-to-Tile transitions, these areas can be more vulnerable to water and dirt in the long run. However, Tile-to-Tile transitions achieve a more modern look that some might prefer.

*Cove Bases make for stronger installations.

TALK TO THE EXPERTS

Still have questions? We've got answers. Whether you'd like to learn more about styles, sizes, pricing, or all of the above, our in-house tile experts are here to help you every step of the way. Contact your Design Consultant or email hello@fireclaytile.com for complimentary design assistance.

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