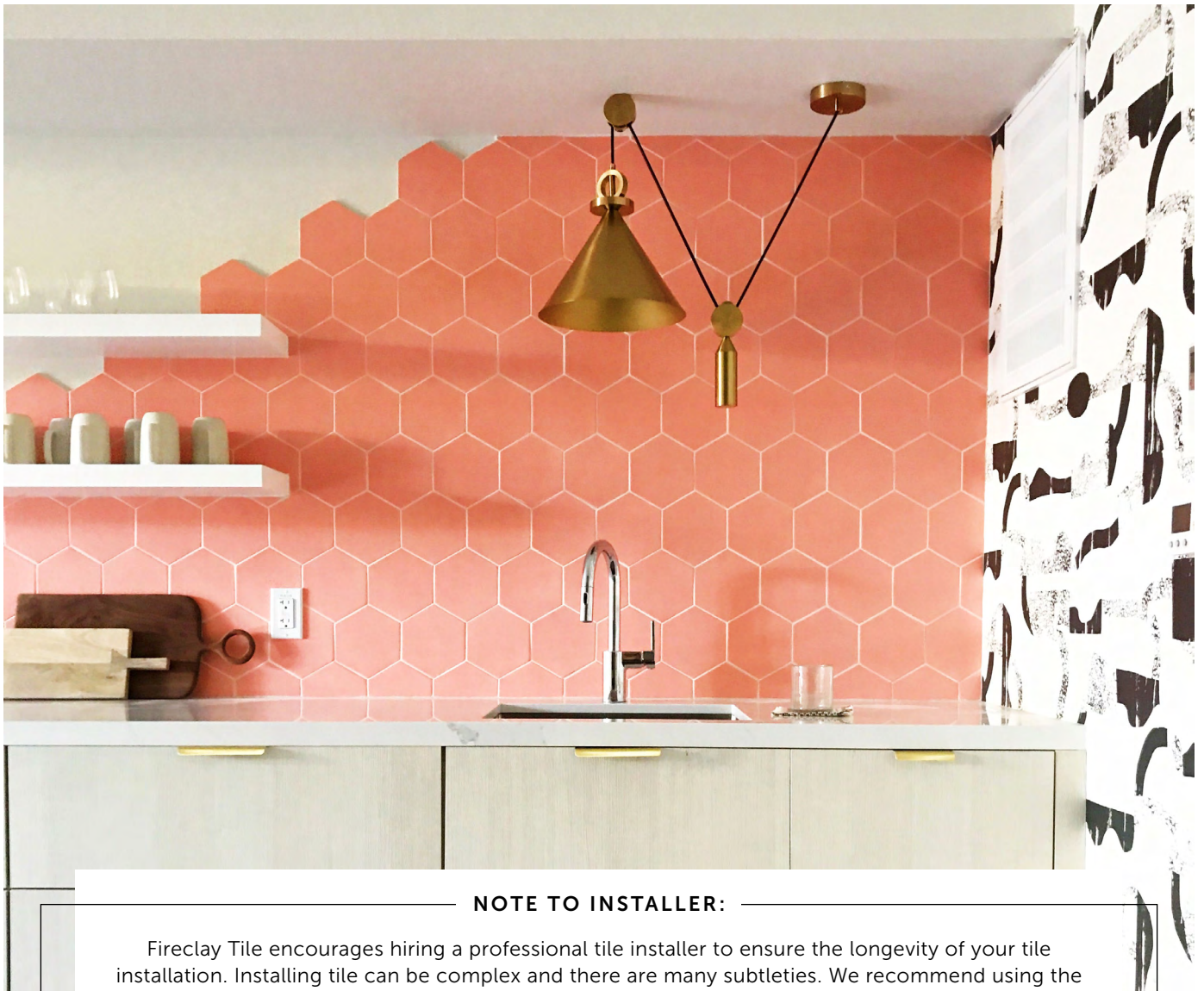




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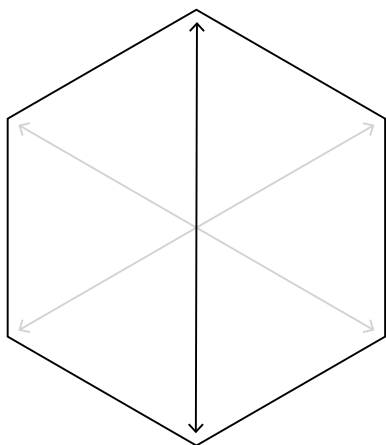
TIPS FOR INSTALLING

# Hexagon



## NOTE TO INSTALLER:

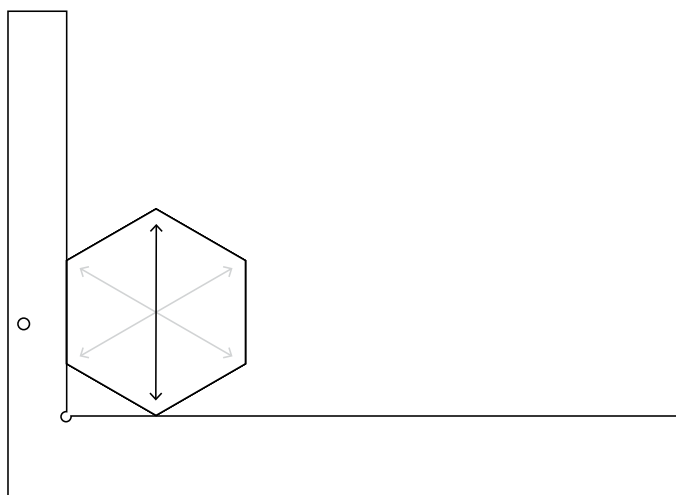
Fireclay Tile encourages hiring a professional tile installer to ensure the longevity of your tile installation. Installing tile can be complex and there are many subtleties. We recommend using the methods outlined in the Tile Installation Handbook from the Tile Council of North America. We offer the following advice for those confident in the DIY skills and for the Tile Installation Professional.



## GETTING STARTED

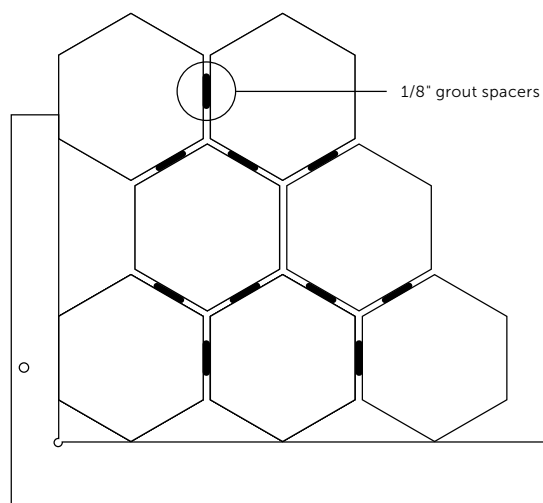
Hexagon tiles vary in size because of their handmade nature. The kiln firing process creates asymmetry in two directions. Measure the Hexagons from point to point, and organize the tiles to make installation faster, easier, and better looking. Fireclay Tile makes Hexagons in 4", 6", 8", and 12" sizes. 2" and 3" Hexagons are available as sheeted mosaics.

### STEP 1



Align the first piece to the inside corner of your framing square or chalk line. For this example, the long measurement will be placed vertically with one edge placed flush with the vertical edge of the grid.

### STEP 2



Use 1/8" tile grout spacers and continue laying the tiles. The 1/8" spacers end up making the grout joint about 3/16" when it is grouted due to the cushion edge.

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Hexagons installed in a repeating daisy pattern



Hexagons covering a full bathroom wall and floor

## FINAL NOTES

- Spacers do not install tile straight, they just provide space between the tiles. If the tile varies in size and shape, the grout joints will vary as well.
- If you are installing tile on a wall, use spacers to hold the tile in place until the thinset mortar has set up. Use wedges for making minor grout joint adjustments.
- Make sure none of the tiles are touching. Fireclay always recommends a grout spacing of 3/16".
- Grout release or tile sealers may be needed to help prevent the grout from staining glaze crazing. Crazing is an inherent part of ceramic tile.
- We recommend against using a contrasting grout. If you're choosing to do so, be sure to test a small area of your tile to ensure it's been properly sealed, and check that the grout will not stain the tile.
- It is always a good idea to make a mockup to see what your finished product will look like.
- Fireclay Tile recommends using one manufacturer for all installation materials. Your professional installer may have a brand they prefer to use. You can use any materials that meet ANSI requirements.

\***ANSI** = American National Standard Specifications.