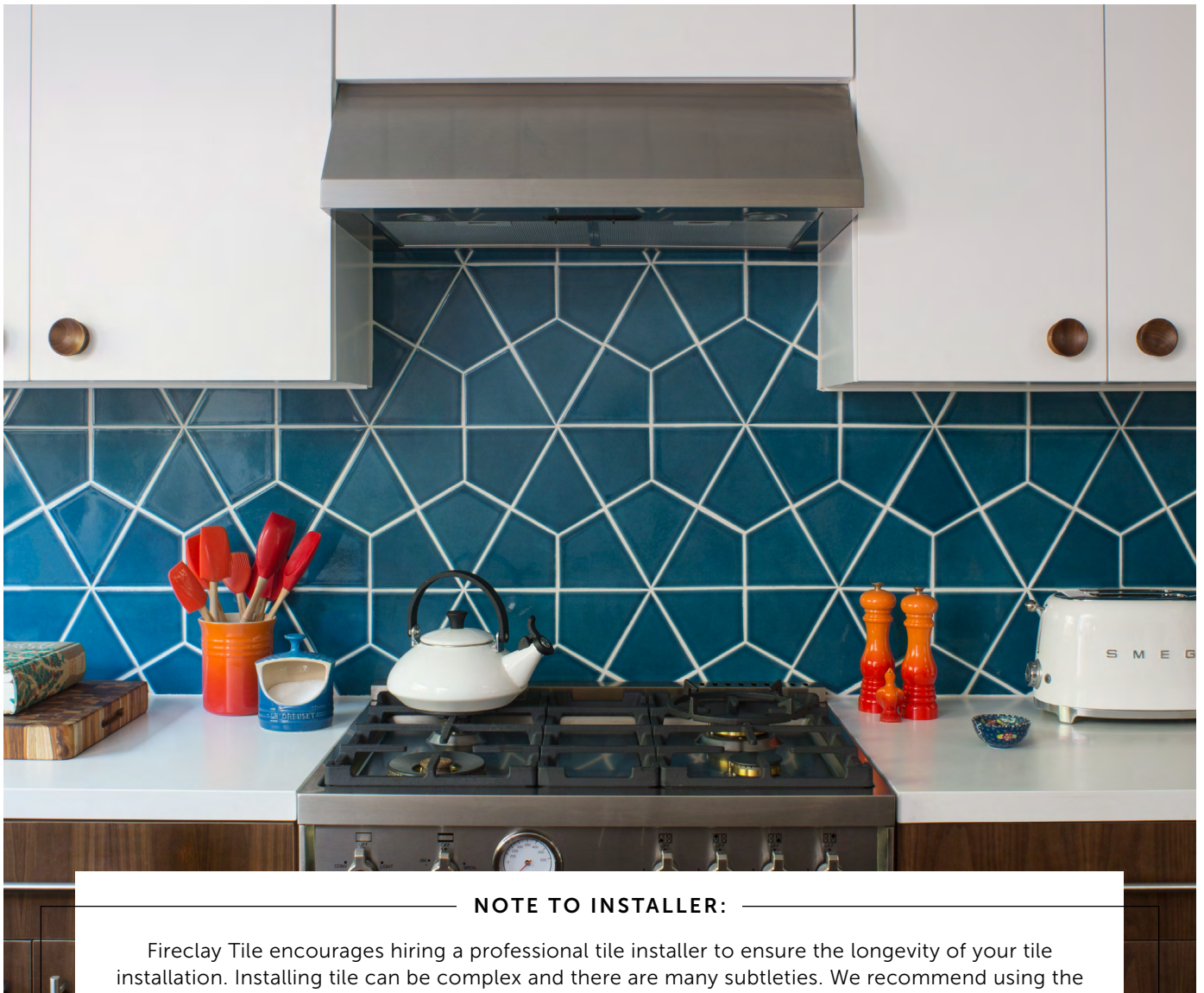




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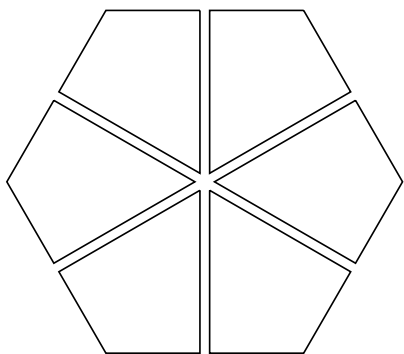
TIPS FOR INSTALLING

Hexite



NOTE TO INSTALLER:

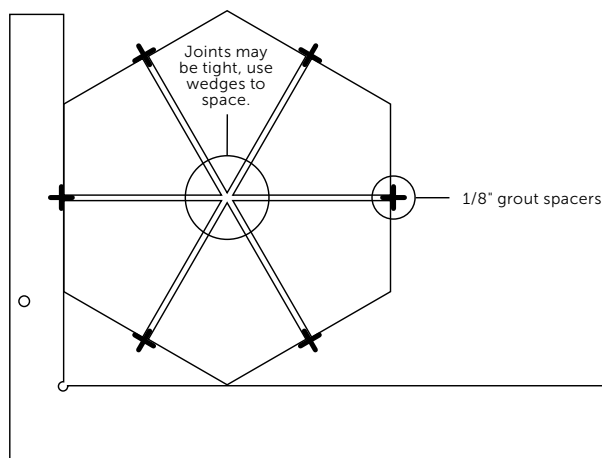
Fireclay Tile encourages hiring a professional tile installer to ensure the longevity of your tile installation. Installing tile can be complex and there are many subtleties. We recommend using the methods outlined in the Tile Installation Handbook from the Tile Council of North America. We offer the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



GETTING STARTED

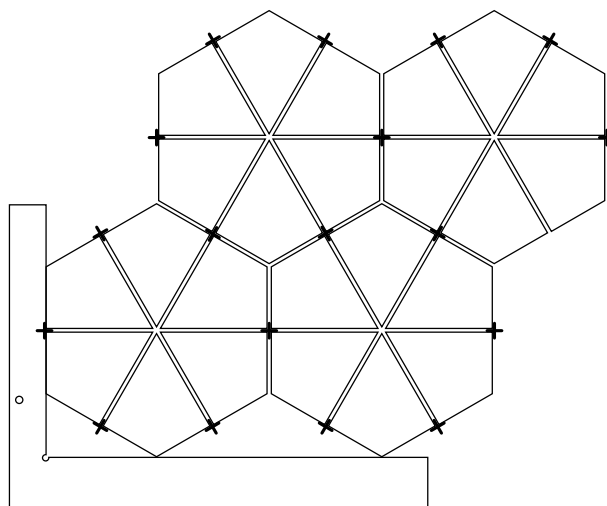
Six Hexite tiles combine to create a pattern that is an oversized hexagon. Because of its shape and handmade nature, each piece of Hexite may have variation in its sizing. We recommend a 3/16" grout joint for this Fireclay Tile shape.

STEP 1



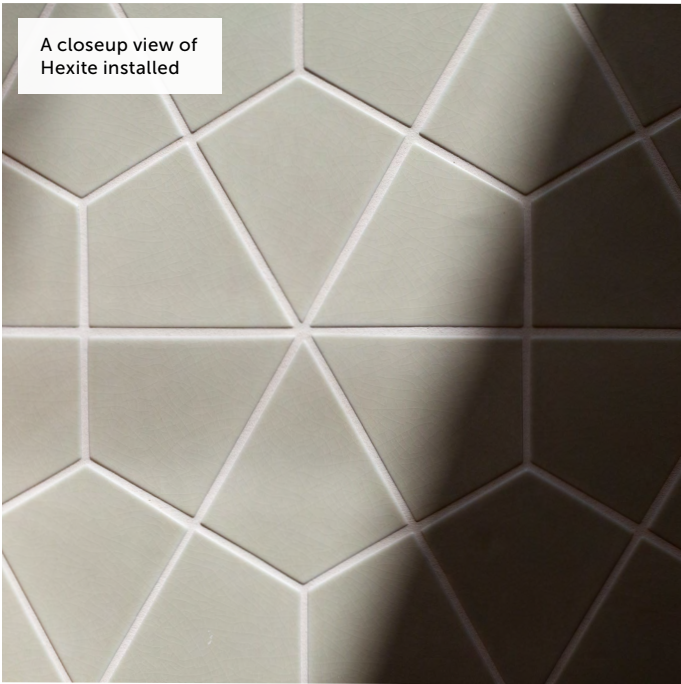
Align the first pieces to the inside of your framing square or chalk line. Use 1/8" tile spacers on the outside of the hexagon pattern. The inside grout joints of the hexagon will be a little tighter, which allows the full hexagons to line up with each other. The 1/8" spacers end up making the grout joint about 3/16" when it is grouted due to the cushion edge.

STEP 2



Spacers are used where the four 90° corners of the Hexite pieces meet. Dry laying the tile before installation will help determine what the variation is. Pull pieces from different boxes for a mix of size and shade variation.

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A closeup view of
Hexite installed



A Hexite installation
using multiple colors

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.