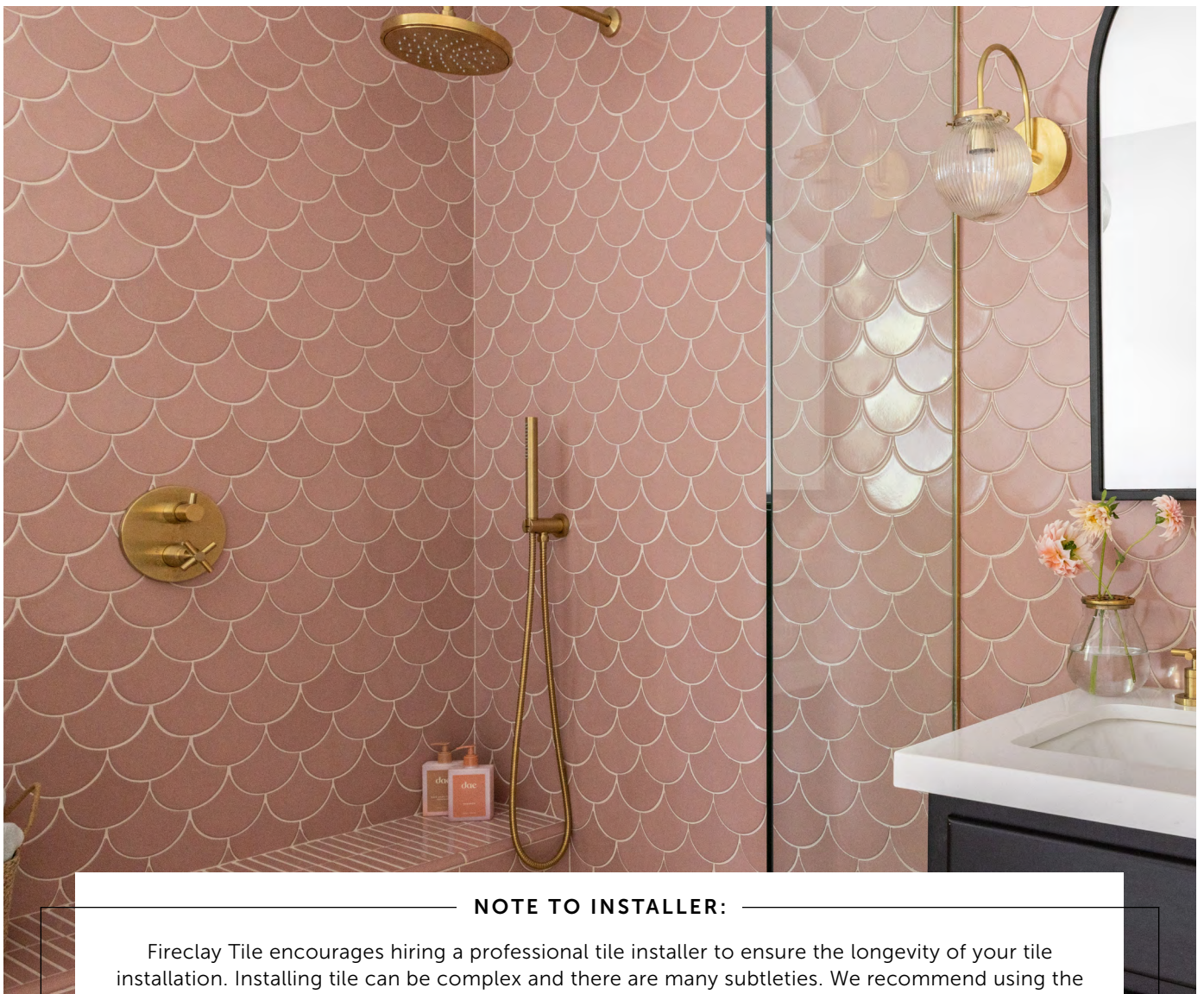




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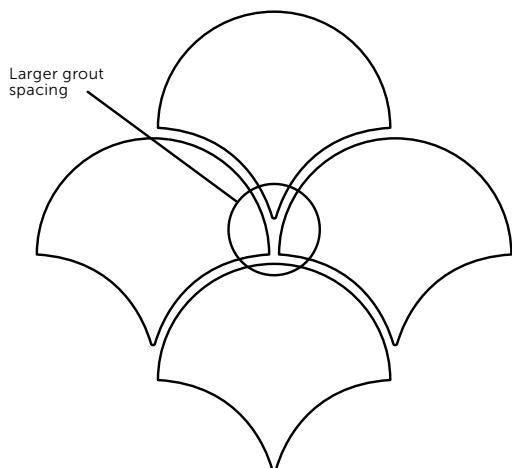
TIPS FOR INSTALLING

Ogee Drop



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.

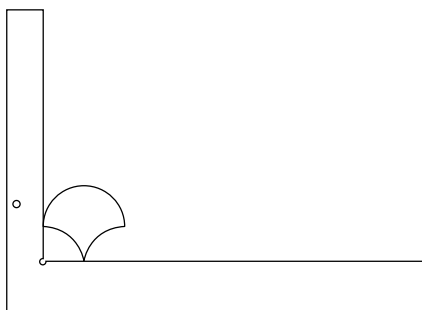


GETTING STARTED

Grout spacing in the Ogee Drop layout can be difficult to understand. There is no sharp tip on the Ogee Drop, which helps to avoid breaking during production, handling, and installation. However, this rounded tip means that the grout joint in this area is larger than those areas around the inside and outside curves of the tile. The point of the tile and the umbrella shrink at different rates in the kiln, giving Ogee Drop a natural variation that lends to its iconic shape.

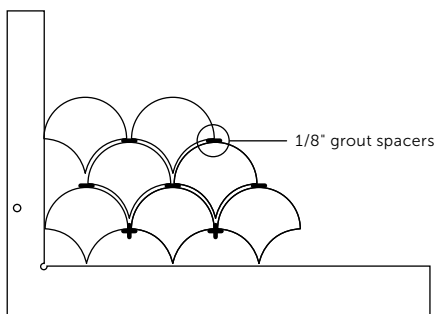
Dry laying the tile will help you understand the variation that comes with Fireclay's handmade tile. Pull pieces from several different boxes to mix up glaze and size variation. Use butcher paper to draw a template to represent the wall or backsplash you are going to set the tile on. You will need to use a framing square and straight edge to start. Fireclay always recommends a grout spacing of $\frac{3}{16}$ " when installing Ogee Drop.

STEP 1



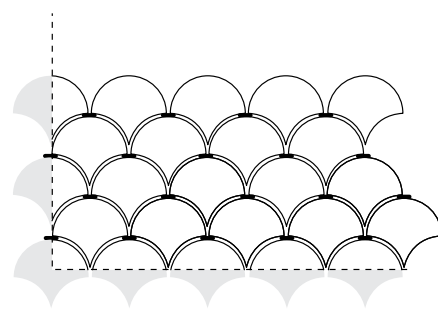
Use a framing square to start your layout. Place your first piece of tile in the corner.

STEP 2



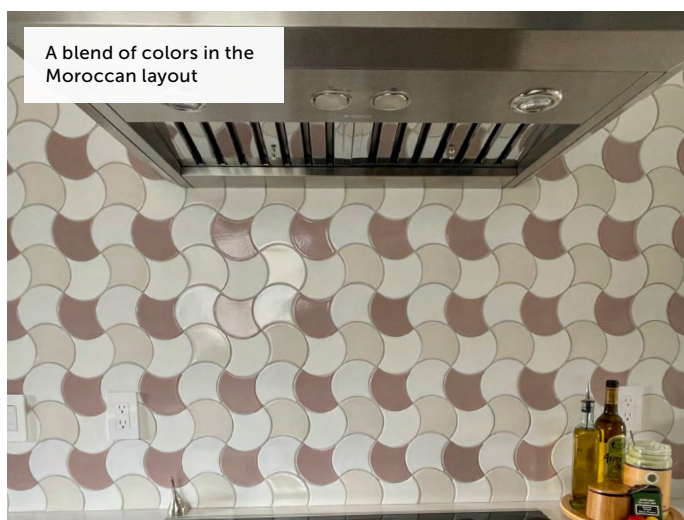
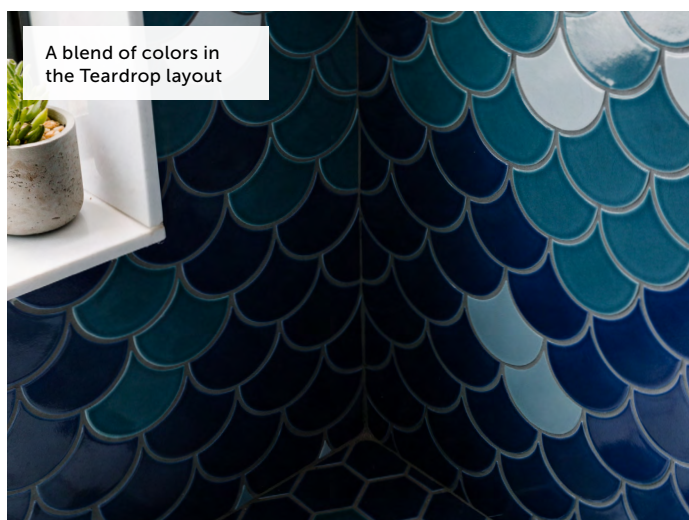
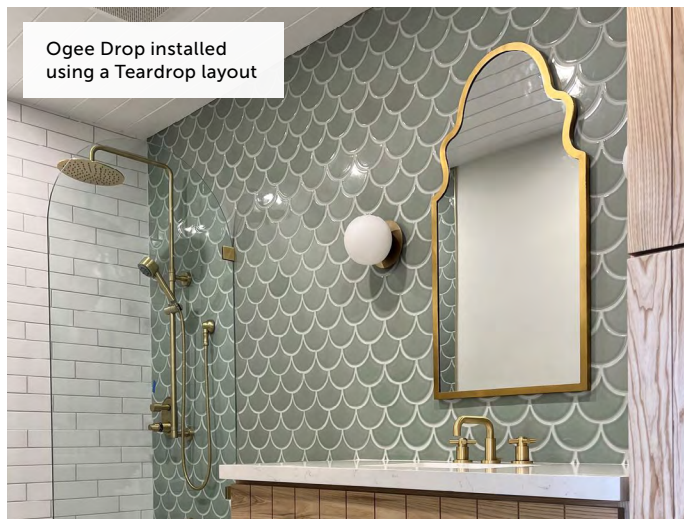
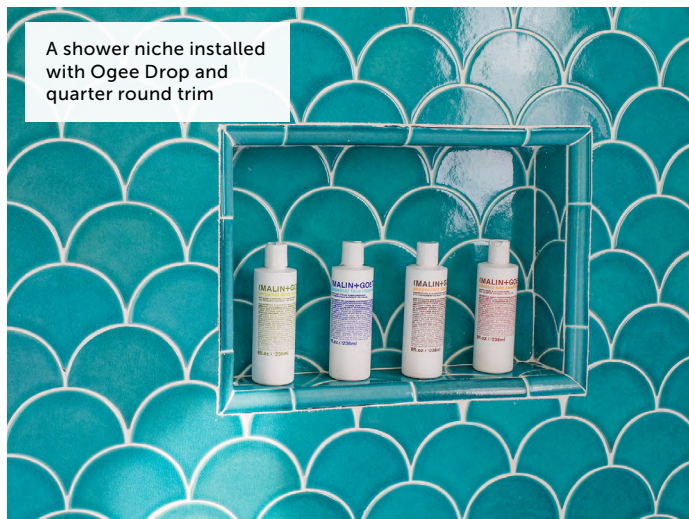
Use $\frac{1}{8}$ " grout spacers and continue laying the tiles. The $\frac{1}{8}$ " spacers end up making the grout joint about $\frac{3}{16}$ " due to the tile's cushion edge.

STEP 3



Continue adding pieces until your area is filled. Make cuts using a tile wet saw.

*** DRAWINGS ARE NOT TO SCALE AND ARE FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY. ***



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.