

Color By Numbers installation & maintenance

Applications

Concrete/masonry and cement backer board can be used for wet-area interior walls. Gypsum board may be used for interior dry walls. A 3/16" V-Notch trowel should be used with either white latex-modified thin set (per ANSI Standard 118.4) or Type 1 white organic mastic (ANSI Standard 136.1).

Installation

- **Color By Numbers** tile is lugged with a perimeter bumper lug. As the name implies, the ridge is continuous and runs around the back perimeter edge of each tile. If you feel the edge you will notice the back is very slightly larger at the base and narrower at the face. This style looks different than a traditional 4 x 4 wall tile with one or two separate spacer lugs along each edge.
- Crossville recommends using unsanded grout, which will allow for butting tile together bumper lug to bumper lug. This narrow grout joint will not tolerate sanded grouts; these may also cause scratching of the tiles' finish. If a larger grout joint, along with a sanded grout, is desired, we recommend the use of a soft rubber wall float to lessen the possibility of scratching the tile's finish. The gloss finish in darker colors is more susceptible to scratching.
- After installation, we recommend the tile be cleaned with a commonly accepted neutral cleaner. There are many such products. Two examples are Aqua Mix Concentrated Tile Cleaner or TEC Everyday. A white nylon scrub pad or cheese cloth is good for wiping off initial heavy film. Finish with a clean grout sponge or slightly damp terry cloth towel, preferably white, as dyes may transfer to the grout joint.

Maintenance

Regular cleaning is the best way to keep **Color By Numbers** tile looking good for years to come. Use clean, hot water (combined with a non-abrasive household cleaner, if needed). Rinse thoroughly and dry with a soft microfiber cloth to prevent spots. No waxes or sealers are needed. More information regarding the care and maintenance of Crossville products are available at www.crossvilleinc.com.