Rozendonk antik

Tips for tiling Old Dutch tiles

Tips for tiling:

The old Dutch tiles 'Friese witjes' are usually glued to the wall with only a minor, irregular joint. Before you start, arrange a line of tiles along the wall. Make sure you divide them well, leaving an equal space to both ends.

Start in the middle of the line. When you also use a scene, start in the middle of the picture, making sure it will end up in the right position to the wall. To mix the different white shades, select a handful of tiles from each box (colour). Take them to the wall you work on and pick the colours randomly. When you have used them all, take another handful from each box and continue the process.

This system will guarantee an equal colour mix.

Apply the glue to the wall with a glue comb and start with an horizontal line,



then attach the other tiles with no more then a joint of max. 1 mm. Press the tiles well in the soft glue and make sure the joints are in a straight line.



This will provide an irregular joint. Sometimes tiles have to be turned 90 degrees because no tile is the ² same size. For a sharp joint, use a slightly wet sponge to clean the joints, the sharp edges of the tiles will then be noticeable.

We advice you to use a coloured joint filling or grout, for example; ivory, jasmine or silver grey. This last colour will give an aged effect, do not use a white filling!

Cutting: use a tile cutter or a cutting machine with diamond disc.

Things you'll need:

- A tile cutter or cutting machine
- A glue comb
- A rubber squeegee
- A (spirit) level
- A pencil
- A folding ruler
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