

# VENEER STONE: ARCTIC INSTALLATION TIPS



## JOINT WIDTH

The Arctic collection has been designed to be installed with either a dry joint or an 8-12mm mortar/grout joint. When applying the stones, use timber or plastic dowels/wedges to keep the joints evenly spaced. Due to the nature of the product, stones will vary in size and may need extra wedges to allow for height variation.

## DRY JOINT INSTALLATION

If installing with dry joints, please ensure either the wall or adhesive are a dark colour before starting. This can be done by purchasing a dark tile adhesive or tinting mortar with black oxide. This will help cast a shadow between stones, giving a solid dry stone look. **The pattern will not line up to the millimetre. You will need off cuts and thin cut stones to fill the voids between the stone once the pattern has been laid.**

Individual stones are held together with flexible webbing. Please specify if webbing isn't required when placing an order.

## STEP 1:

- If your application requires corners, apply these first alternating the long & short return in opposite directions.
- Cut or trim stones using a wet saw or angle grinder with a diamond blade attached.
- Lay 1st layer of product at the base of wall in packaged re-occurring pattern.
- Draw a straight line across the 1st layer of stones then cut.
- Apply cut stone to wall in packaged re-occurring pattern.



Cut along lowest point to begin installing with a flat base

## STEP 2:

Trim sides as installing further up the wall



## STEP 3:

### DRY JOINT

Take time once the pattern is laid to cut thin stones to fill in small gaps between the larger joints. This is very important as it will break up the pattern and provide the perfect handcrafted stone masonry look.

### MORTAR JOINT

Pointing mortar or tile grout can be used to fill the joints. One of the easiest and fastest ways to fill the joints is with a piping bag.

To retain the original fresh quarried look, we suggest sealing the stone. If you would like the stone to mellow slightly and gain the European look after years of harsh weathering, don't seal the product.

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