

UNDERSTANDING

VIEUX BOURGOGNE LIMESTONE INSTALLATION

One for the purists but not for the faint hearted, this rustic French limestone is virtually indistinguishable from reclaimed stone, with a genuine time-worn look. To get the best result, laying, grouting, and sealing are especially important, since this stone is more porous and had a more undulated surface than most limestones.

Make sure that the adhesive used is a natural stone friendly adhesive, such as our Sarsen Home Premium Semi-Rapid adhesive. Leave to fully dry before continuing, this may take up to two days in cold or humid environments.

Once the stone is fully dry, apply a primary coat of Stone Essentials Stain Block or Stain Block Eco.



Example of stone installed

The grouting of the stone should not take place until approximately 12 to 24 hours after the stone tile has been sealed, to allow the sealer time to dry. Sealer will reduce the porosity of the tiles and discourage 'picture-framing' or edge-staining which can occur during the grouting process. We recommend using our stone friendly Resin-Cement Grout, or Ardex natural stone grouts. Make sure to follow the manufacturers' recommendations when mixing up the grout.

The best method used to fill the joints between the stone and surface is slurry grouting – spread the grout across the whole face of the stone tiles, working the grout into the joints using a grout float/squeegee. Slurry grouting will fill in any holes in the surface of tiles that the specialist finish produces.

Remove any excess grout. It is important to note that only a manageable area should be grouted at a time, to enable surplus grout to be removed before it dries. Clean the grouted area using a wet grout sponge, wipe several times, rinsing thoroughly between wipes. Take care not to wash too much grout away as this will leave the grout areas slightly recessed.

On completion of the grouting, the stone floor should be wiped over again to ensure that all grout residue has been removed. Once the grout has dried, the stone tiles should be buffed or polished with a clean, dry cloth to remove the 'bloom' (a dusty, cloudy residue left by the grout). If there is still any excess grout on the surface of the tile after it has been cleaned, use our Cement, Grout and Salt Residue Remover to remove tough areas of grout build-up.

For any other questions, please contact us.