

Stick Bricks™ Cork Installation Instructions

General Instructions:

Packaged tiles should be acclimated on site for at least 72 hours before installation (Note: it is important to open the boxes and remove the plastic to effectively acclimate). Extend acclimation time if in dry climate.

Due to inherent shade and texture variations, it is recommended to mix material from multiple boxes if ordered in multiple box increments.

The recommended substrate for installing the Stick Bricks is smooth, flat, primed, cured, and clean surface, free of any contaminants that would affect the self-adhesive bond. Install 'cork brick' tiles once desired layout is determined

PLEASE NOTE: "water-based" contact cement adhesive is required for installation for Stick Bricks. Though material is a peel and stick, you still need to put contact cement on just the wall making sure it is dry before applying Stick Bricks.

Detailed Instructions:

These instructions are designed to supplement common sense during the installation procedure. If you have any questions, please contact your supplier prior to the installation process.

Substrate:

The substrate to which the Stick Bricks are installed, must be cured (painted or primed), structurally sound and flat (free of voids, and level within ½" over 48"), dry, clean, and free of any contaminants (such as dust, adhesive, drywall compound, etc.) which would affect adhesion.

Note: If any of these characteristics are not met, it is imperative to fix them prior to the start of installation process. If in doubt, contact your supplier for application assistance.

Acclimation:

Acclimating involves bringing the Stick Bricks to equilibrium within the space to which they will be installed. We recommend allowing the material to acclimate for 72 hours prior to installation, in the space to which the material will be installed (at year round climatic conditions). Acclimating is achieved by opening the boxes, removing the plastic around the bricks, and allowing air to flow between the individual Stick Bricks. Note: it is important to open the boxes and remove the plastic to effectively acclimate the material to the room conditions. If the material is NOT properly acclimated (depending on the site conditions), the Stick Bricks can shrink, visually revealing the substrate to which the Stick Bricks are installed, or they could expand slightly. Stick Bricks are best installed at room temperature.

Layout:

Stick Bricks come in one size and can either be laid vertically or horizontally.

Sorting:

It is always recommended to mix multiple boxes of material together when you are installing in a multiple box increment. Cork is a natural material that inherently has variations in size, color, and shape, and this is expected, and one of the beauties of using Stick Bricks.

Working with Stick Bricks:

Stick Bricks are solid cork bark tiles with a peel & stick installation system. Stick Bricks take on the structure of its mounting surface. When required, Stick Bricks can be cut with standard woodworking tools or a straight edge.

Stick Bricks have naturally occurring characteristics including but not limited to color variation, open pores, and minor size variations. Always test fit the Stick Bricks prior to removing the adhesive liner.

Installation Procedure:

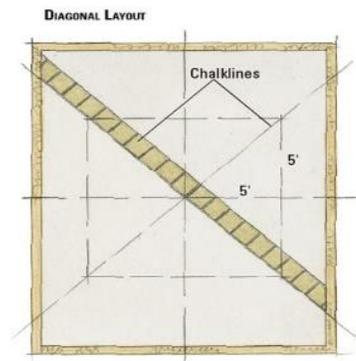
Once your substrate is properly prepared, the material is acclimated, and you have determined the layout you will use, the installation can begin, via the application of peal and stick.

Based upon the layout chosen, determine where you want to start the installation.

For horizontal or vertical (full wall) installations, it is recommended to mark off a level line (using a level) at roughly eye level (approx. 72" up from the floor), and then another line, vertically, at the center of the space to which the Stick Bricks are being installed. Where the lines cross, is where you should begin. You can also measure a certain distance off the floor (or the ceiling), and use that as the level line for installing – this works fine if the floor (or wall) is level.



For diagonal installations, it is recommended to follow a similar method as above (by finding the center point of the wall), but instead of relying on horizontal and vertical lines, you will draw diagonal lines at 90 degrees to one another. Once these diagonal chalk lines are drawn, you then need to determine in which direction you want the Stick Bricks to be oriented (either along the left line, or the right line).



- Apply contact cement to the wall (not cork) and make sure it is dry per manufacturers instructions.
- Remove adhesive liner (avoid touching the adhesive surface, or allowing it to get dirty or wet), and align one edge along the guideline (ie: starting point) which was created, and press the Stick Bricks Brick into place.
- It is recommended to initially gently press the Stick Bricks into place, which allows you an opportunity to check the alignment before continuing.
- If adjustment is needed, do so now as needed.
- If you are satisfied with the Stick Bricks placement, apply more aggressive pressure to more permanently bond the Stick Bricks to the substrate.
- Install subsequent Stick Bricks in the same fashion, until the installation is complete.
- Please note that it is advisable to install the subsequent Stick Bricks at an angle, starting the placement at the edge of the Stick Bricks Brick formerly installed to ensure that the Stick Bricks are abutting each other tightly.

Cleaning and Maintenance for Stick Bricks

The Stick Bricks are coated with an ‘immersion coating’ that does not require an additional application of finish in most applications. If you are concerned about scuffing and staining, you can always apply a topical coating of urethane to the surface once installed, but this is not necessary.

Maintenance includes dusting as needed, and cleaning with a water-based, PH-balanced cleaning solution if needed.

If you have any questions about the installation procedure at any point during the installation, stop the installation immediately, and contact your supplier for assistance and recommendations.