

# Care and Maintenance:

## Glass & Mixed Material Mosaic Tiles

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Glass and mixed material mosaics are trendy, luminous and with minimal maintenance create stunning presentations on backsplashes, accent walls, showers, baths and borders.

### Maintenance Tips:

- Wipe up any spills on tile immediately and clean the area using a damp cloth or sponge
- Dust surfaces regularly to remove any gritty particles or debris as this can be abrasive to the tile surface
- Seal grout joints after installation and as required to prevent moisture absorption, staining and discolouration
- Use a damp cloth or sponge with an all-purpose household cleaner that is non-oil-based and has low VOC to clean glass tiles as needed
- A vinegar and water mixture can be used to clean mosaic tiles that are ALL glass – this solution is NOT suitable for mixed material mosaics
- Use a mild, soapless detergent with neutral pH for cleaning glass tiles mixed with any unglazed ceramic or stainless steel tiles
- Ensure the cleaning product selected is compatible with cleaning all the materials present in the mosaic tiles as well as the grout joints
- Thoroughly read & follow all manufacture warnings and instructions for all cleaning products before use and test all cleaning solutions and materials in a small inconspicuous area before full application
- After using cleaning solutions, wipe down entire area with a clean cloth or sponge and clear water to remove any residue that may have been left behind
- Do not use cleaning wax, oil based cleaners, ammonia, sealants or products containing acid or bleach as part of routine maintenance



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- Avoid abrasive cleaning products such as scouring or steel wool pads
- Regularly inspect tiles and have any damaged tiles professionally removed / replaced
- Mosaics containing glass components are not recommended for use on floor surfaces

### Cleaning Grout Haze

After tile installation, grout residue can form a white haze like film on the surface of the tile. A grout haze remover solution can be used. Ensure the solution is appropriate for all the materials present in the mosaic tiles. Thoroughly read and follow the instructions on the product label. The solution will break down the cement and allow the haze to be wiped away. Rinse area with clear water and pat dry with a clean towel or sponge to remove any residue. Do not use acidic solutions / cleaners as part of a regular maintenance routine. Many of the grout products on the market today are polymer modified, which means they have latex in them. Be sure to purchase a solution that is compatible with the type of grout you have used and is safe to use on all the present tile surfaces.



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### Cleaning Grout

Routine grout cleaning can be done with a mild, pH neutral stone cleaning solution that is free of acid or bleach that will not affect existing sealers or wax-type coatings. For periodic deep cleaning of grout, a concentrated tile & grout cleaner can be used. Look for a cleaner that has non-polluting chemicals and low VOC levels. The cleaner should be safe for use on all materials present in the mosaic tiles and capable of removing grease, soap scum, mildew and body oils. Always read and follow the instructions on the product label. Rinse the area with clear water and pat dry with a clean towel or sponge to remove any residue. Do not use acidic solutions / cleaners as part of a regular maintenance routine.



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