

## A & E Recycled Granite Split Stone Veneer Installation

Thank you for choosing A & E Recycled Granite Split Stone Veneer. You are diverting hundreds of pounds of material from a landfill, so feel good about your project! We'd love to have a photo of your finished project to share on our website.

### Materials List

A & E Recycled Granite Split Stone Veneer in your desired blend and square footage

#### Additional materials needed:

Margin Trowel

Thinset for natural stone

Tape Measure

Level

Tile Spacers

Pencil

Diamond blade Wet Saw or Grinder

Chisel & Hammer (depending on application)

Sealer (optional)

A & E Recycled Granite Split Stone Veneer can be applied to drywall, wood, and cement board or directly onto brick and concrete. No need to apply metal lath or additional support, A & E Recycled Granite Tiles are split thin and have a weight of only 7-8lbs per square foot.

## Installation Instructions

### Step 1

Prepare your area and determine the visual effect you wish to achieve. Using a level & pencil place your horizontal level lines at 5" increments.

### Step 2

Prepare thinset or use pre-made thinset from your local home improvement store. For exterior applications make sure you purchase a product recommended for outdoor use. (Make sure you use thinset, not mastic)

### Step 3

Working from Edge-to-Center, butter the back of the tiles with thinset and dry stack the veneer. Install by building up several rows and stair-step it to the center, eventually having both ends meet in the middle. Work from several boxes at a time to insure proper mixing of colors. Stagger the seams — as you would a hardwood floor — to ensure a continuous look to the project. Use tile spacers to ensure your tiles line up with your pre-drawn horizontal level lines. (Due to the varying heights of natural stone its a good idea to level tiles after a few rows)

### Step 4

Use your wet saw or grinder to cut tiles to desired lengths when working around obstructions. Use a chisel and hammer to create a chiseled end. (Depending on design)

### **Step 5**

Once your installation is finished **vacuum the stone** to clear away any dust that may be left on the tiles.

### **Step 6**

Sealing your Stone is not required, however it may protect your project. Any granite sealer can be used, though some sealers can effect the color of your tile, so it is best to perform a color test before applying. Ask your local home improvement professional for recommendations that work with your project's location and traffic level.

## **Tips and Tricks**

### **Install Trick**

As you start to meet in the middle, choose different sized tiles to complete that line. This helps to limit cutting tiles.

### **Corner Trick**

Use a chisel and hammer to create a chiseled end to your tile for finger-joint (basketweave) corners. This method also works for installing on partially or fully exposed fireplaces.

### **Sealer Tip**

Brushing or spraying on a sealer is an easy method of application for the stones chiseled surface. There are multiple types of sealers and enhancers on the market. Follow the manufacturers directions for sealer application and care.

### **Cleaning Tip**

Clean up is simply with any household soap and water. Remember, granite is no different than any other natural stone.

### **Cover plate tip**

Longer screws can be purchased from your local home improvement store to give you an over-mount outlet or switch.

### **Project Tip**

As with any tile job — it's best to order 10% additional material to account for cuts.

### **Safety Tips**

Remember to wear eye protection when cutting or chiseling the stone. Wear gloves and keep hands away from the blade when cutting or chiseling. Use hearing protection when operating power tools.