



General Product Information

Overview

Surviving Studios makes unique handmade porcelain tiles, fountains, bath accessories and jewelry. The designs are in relief and full color. They feature images from nature, especially frogs, reptiles, fish, and insects. The tiles are suitable for use in any area where tile is used, inside or outside and in water. They are very strong because the clay has been fired to vitrification, making it dense and nonporous. These tiles are handmade and, therefore, it is expected that variations in color and size will occur. This diversity can be quite wonderful, and will add beauty and dimension to your finished job.

Before installation, all tiles should be laid out in order to plan how best to achieve the most attractive finished job. Installation of our product constitutes acceptance.

All sizes are approximate. Tiles are generally made slightly smaller than the stated size in order to allow for a nominal grout line. We recommend that you order slightly more material than needed in order to assure matching and to cover accidental installation losses.

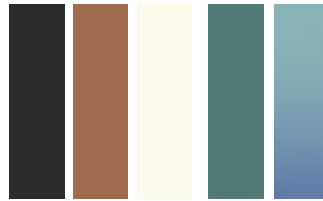
80% of our orders ship within two weeks and much of our regular inventory is kept in stock. However, it is necessary to plan on our normal **lead-time of three to four weeks for regular items, and four to eight weeks on our made-to-order items.** Allow even longer for large or custom jobs. Regular inventory consists of our one-inch, two-inch, four-inch, six-inch, and our Appliqués. Murals, fountain modules, accessories and other items are usually made to your order. Custom coloring will take additional time, as will custom clay work.



BB AMB BLK BVT BTN GRY HWT SGR TEL



2" and 4" Standard Colors



BLK BTN HWT TEL WW



Water World Colors



HWT Ferns Juniper Pine Sea Fan Sumac



Nude and Rainforest Colors

Your order is carefully boxed and insured to reach you safely. Great care is taken in packing your order but damage can occasionally occur. Please inspect your shipments thoroughly upon arrival. You must report damages to the carrier and to our office, within five days. All packing materials and boxes must be preserved for the carrier's inspection. Returns and replacements must be authorized by our office, and the damaged or unsatisfactory pieces returned. **No returns or credit will be authorized for any product once installed.**

Based on thirty years' experience in creating fountains, Surviving Studios creates tiles designed for fountain installations. They can create many exciting and satisfying jobs. However, problems can occur in a continually wet environment, therefore it is important to have a properly designed and installed fountain. We strongly recommend that you select a designer and installer who is experienced, responsible, and prepared to accept responsibility for the job. **Surviving Studios guarantees the fountain tile modules to be appropriate for fountain installation. Please be sure to inspect all tiles before installation. We do not guarantee the installation or fountain design.**

Technique

First Natalie or Richard creates a sculpture in clay of the new tile. It is scaled up to allow for the considerable amount of shrinkage that will occur at each stage. A mold is made from the original and a final master is created. From each master the working molds are made. Wet clay is pressed into the working mold, the edges are trimmed, and the tile is gently coaxed out of the mold onto a board. Details that are too fine to hold in the mold are touched up. The tiles are placed overnight in a drier, and in the morning the edges are smoothed by hand. Glazes are

applied in a delicate process of several layers. Time is required for drying between layers; the process usually takes several days to complete. The tiles are then stacked in electric kilns and fired very slowly above 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit. The cooling process also must be slow. Two days after the firing, the tiles are unloaded and inspected.

Materials

One unique and important attribute of Surviving Studios' products is the quality of the materials used. Natalie worked for three years on the clay and glaze formulas before introducing the product. The clay is vitrified; it is completely fused and the firing is stopped just as the clay body starts to melt. The result is a very strong nonporous tile that is suitable for use almost anywhere. It also means that the glaze has actually become part of the clay body rather than a separate layer. The color is permanent. The tiles are frost resistant and will withstand all normal heat and cold variations. Besides kitchens and baths, they are installed in swimming pools, fireplaces, and outdoor installations. The relief tiles are impractical where they might be walked on but the flatter designs can be used on floors. They have not been tested for skid proofing.

Colors

A variety of eight background colors are available in the 1", 2", and 4" tiles. Five colors are available in the Water World Line. Five in the Nude Series and the Rainforest line is on bark with multiple background color options behind the branches. The animals, leaves, fish and insects are glazed the same realistic colors no matter the background. Highly trained ceramists glaze each piece by hand. **The look and color varies by the personality of the artist and other causes inherent in the ceramic process.** These variations add to the vitality and individuality of the tiles.

The *Watercolor Series*, introduced in 2003, has three blended background colors and a shimmery finish. Information about this line is available separately.



Earth

Light

Water



Watercolor Series Colors

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| AMB - Amber | GRY - Gray | WW - Water World Fade |
| BLK - Black | HWT - Highlight White | BB- Bark Brown (available only in the one inch line) |
| BVT - Blue Violet | SGR - Sea Green | |
| BTN - Browntones | TEL - Teal | |

Background Colors

Each section below lists the backgrounds readily available. Custom coloring within our palette is available for a fee.

1" Nature Tile - Available backgrounds are Amber, Bark Brown, Black, Blue Violet, Browntones, Highlight White, Sea Green and Teal.

2" Nature Tile - Available backgrounds are Amber, Black, Blue Violet, Browntones, Gray, Highlight White, Sea Green and Teal.

4" Nature Tile - Available backgrounds are Amber, Black, Blue Violet, Browntones, Gray, Highlight White, Sea Green and Teal.

6" Water World - Available backgrounds are Black, Browntones, Highlight White, Teal and Water World Fade.

6" Nudes - Available backgrounds are Highlight White, Ferns in Varied Browntones, Sumac in Sunlight and Teal, Sea Fan in Water World Fade, Juniper in Graytones, Pine in Spring Greens.

6" Rainforest - Available background for bark is Bark Brown only. Branches and leaves are available on Ferns in Varied Browntones, Sumac in Sunlight and Teal, Sea Fan in Water World Fade, Juniper in Graytones, Pine in Spring Greens

Item	Length	Width	Depth (high)
1" Tile	7/8" sq.	7/8" sq.	5/16"
1" Corners	7/8" sq.	7/8" sq.	3/4" overglazed
2" Tiles	1 15/16" sq.	1 15/16" sq.	5/16"
4" Tiles	3 7/8" sq.	3 7/8" sq.	5/16"
6" Tiles	5 7/8" sq.	5 7/8" sq.	5/16"
2x6 Trims	5 7/8"	2"	5/16"
Branch & Surf Liners	5 7/8"	15/16"	3/4"
Cove In or Out	5 7/8"	7/8"	1/2"
Dome Liners	5 7/8"	7/8"	3/4"
Quarter Rounds	5 7/8"	3/8"	3/8"
(including Twigs & Pencils)			
Scotia	5 7/8"	1 15/16"	7/8"
Turtle Hex	16 1/2"	14"	3/4"
Armadillos or Tang Fish Sets with Curved Borders	6 3/4"	6 3/4"	1/2"

Chart of Tile Sizes

Sizes

All sizes are approximate as handcrafted work is enhanced by slight irregularities. Each piece is sized slightly smaller than standard to allow for a grout line. Our average tile is 5/16th of an inch thick. Some tiles have a varied depth due to the design. The edges are not completely glazed but are stained enough that the depth variation does not cause a visual problem when installed. All sizes are nominal.

Suggestions for Use

There is floor tile, wall tile, specialty tile, swimming pool tile, etc. Where can this tile be used? Natalie was insistent that our tiles would be suitable for use anywhere, and they are. Our unique private formula gives our tile the strength, permanence, and durability of the porcelain clays that survive for thousands of years. Our glazes are permanent, brilliant, and in colors not available in a true porcelain. So the answer is simple, use them anywhere.

Outdoor Installations

Pool Borders

Spas

Hot Tubs

Pool Bottoms

Pavilions and Gazebos

Garden Walls

Garden Focal Points

Walkways & Sidewalks

Wall Fountains

Tower Fountains

Bathrooms

Tub Surrounds

Showers

Mirror Surrounds

Counter Tops

Back Splashes

Entryways

Murals

Inserts

Kitchens

Back Splash

Countertops

Chair Rails

Crown Moldings

Mirror Frames

Bars Wet or Dry

Fireplaces

Barbecue Pits