

Decorating a Ceramic Tile

Using etched stencil technique to match your buttons to your colour scheme.

1. Ensure the surface of the tile or other substrate is clean, dry and free from grease, dirt and dust
2. Measure out the position of the Taptile™ Sensor on the back of the tile and self-adhesive stencil on the front to ensure they line up in the final installation. (Note: The stencil and the Taptile™ Sensor are the same size).
3. Remove the protective paper from the self-adhesive backer on the stencil
4. Line-up the stencil with your measured positions and stick the stencil down firmly across the whole length of the Taptile™ Sensor. Make sure all the edges are pressed down to prevent the creep of the etch cream.
5. If necessary, remove the small circles and lines from the stencil to reveal the tile surface.
6. Shake the etching cream bottle for 1 minute to mix the product thoroughly – stir if necessary.
7. Place the tile on a flat horizontal surface.
8. Using the small paintbrush provided cover ONLY the revealed areas of the tile through the stencil. Be sure to cover ALL the revealed areas with a layer of etch cream at least 1mm thick for best results. Be careful not to spill any on any other part of the tile. If you do spill any wipe off immediately with a damp cloth.
9. Leave etch cream for minimum 6 hours to act and remove the surface glaze on the tile. (For best results leave over night)
10. Rinse all etch cream residue from the tile under cold running tap. Be careful NOT to dislodge the stencil from its position yet. Gently dry the tile, and ensure the stencil is stuck down and has not moved.
11. Paint (recommend Hammerite spray paint then overspray with a protective lacquer) or Grout the stencil area, ensuring the finished surface is flat. Remember, minor imperfections can be removed after the paint/grout is dry.
12. When you are happy with the application paint/grout and it has dried, remove the stencil from the tile, align with your measured positions on the rear of the tile and stick the Taptile™ firmly to the back of the tile. (See installation manual for detail)
13. Your tile is now ready to be added in the normal way to your wall.