Instructions for Laying ALL 2 part meshed claddings including:

Rustic, Rustic II, Parallels V, V Squares & Crescent Interlock

Important! Due to subtle potential shifting during drying or packaging, occasionally product requires subtle loosening of the stone against the mesh to insure tight interlock with matching pair. To do this, take product in both hands, subtly bend pieces away from each other and jiggle pieces against each other to loosen mesh as needed.

1. All 2 part meshed claddings have both A & B tiles that are designed to interlock into each other as a "set". *They come in a sleeve together to help identify the pair. Place first piece of matching pair on surface to be clad:

2. Match 2nd piece of matching pair so pieces meet "high to high" and "low to low" as shown. This is identified as the “set”.

Profile Views:

- Good
- Good
- Bad

3. Extend out the “set” in both directions as needed. *The following should interlock into the first set so pieces meet “high to high” and “low to low” as shown. Follow this process the length of surface being clad.

4. Begin second row, offsetting initial piece by 50% (creates a “random” appearing layout) or if preferred, at another defined offset. Follow step 2-3 and repeat consecutively for all remaining rows.
Island Stone’s Vtile™, Rustic & Slat Cladding formats are manufactured from a selection of natural stone for use as a decorative wall veneer. The tiles are stacked one on top of the other without grout joints. The selection of adhesives is important to ensure good bonding to substrates.

**inspection**

No two pieces of natural stone are exactly alike. Tiles must be inspected prior to installation to ensure that no blending is required. No claims will be accepted by Island Stone after installation.

**Use of product implies acceptance.**

All tiles are made from carefully evaluated stones that meet our requirements for hardness and durability. They are suitable for interior or exterior applications. If using in adverse environments, contact Island Stone for test results.

**uses**

Vtile™ & Slat Claddings can be placed using various patterns for large area feature walls, water features, feature panelling with timber or ceramics, interior or exterior. Vtile™ pieces come in a range of sizes that can be used in combination to come up with a diverse range of patterns. Rustic is a meshed backed pattern created from Vtile™ pieces and interlocks with itself in a distinctive pattern.

**requirements**

Vtile™, Rustic & Slat Claddings are not designed to act as a waterproof barrier. Provision for weather tightness should be a consideration in the primary block structure.

Vtile™, Rustic & Slat Claddings are approximately 38kgs/sq.mtr. installed and in some instances may require structural angle support depending on height of structure, total weight loading etc. If needed, your project should be discussed with an engineer.

With Vtile™ & Slat, specify a desired pattern of your own choosing or refer to the Vtile™ & Slat design guides for popular patterns.

With Rustic and Rustic II, follow layout instructions provided with all Rustic orders.

Square cutting is required on internal and external corners on a piece-by-piece basis. More information on popular approaches to corners and patterns can be found at [www.islandstone.com](http://www.islandstone.com)

**installation**

**• prime**

In order to achieve good adhesive bond, be sure the surface is free of any contaminants that may be present.

Should the installation require waterproofing, the substrate must be primed using an appropriate primer such as Mapei Aquaflex or Mapelastic and Fiberglass Mesh. To avoid the formation of cracks due to substrate movement, one can use Mapei Fibreglass Mesh in the coat of Aquaflex.

**• installation**

Installation of the cladding can then be carried out using an appropriate adhesive such as Mapei Kerabond gauged with Isolastic neat or Keraquick and Latex Plus.

Use a tile adhesive with no vertical slump.

**• grouting**

Vtile™, Rustic & Slat Claddings do not require any grouting.

**• final sealing**

Stones can be finished with a penetrating stone sealer or a stone enhancement sealer. It is highly recommended that a desired sealer is tested before use as sealers can change color of material.

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All installations of Vtile™, Rustic & Slat Claddings should meet or exceed the guidelines and specifications as outlined by the Tile Council of North America.

Refer to [www.tileusa.com](http://www.tileusa.com)