

clé TOP COAT KIT

After over a decade of testing, clé has developed a proprietary acrylic based top coat kit, especially for our lithography and watermark collections to provide stain resistance.

clé top coat kit can also be used for our unglazed tiles (such as natural zellige and cement) that are being used on a busy kitchen backsplash. We recommend applying the top coat kit instead of laticrete sealing products for busy kitchen backsplashes where heavy staining is a concern. The top coat kit can provide even more protection against stains.

WHAT'S IN OUR KIT

- An 8 ounce bottle of our proprietary coating; enough to cover 50 sf of a single coat or 25 sf of a double coat.
 - A sponge applicator brush.
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HOW IT WORKS

- Carefully grout your installation, using a grout bag and cleaning up as you go. do not use the top coat as a pre-grout treatment.
 - Be sure that your tiles are completely clean and free of all surface debris.
 - Always test on a small patch prior to sealing your whole surface.
 - Apply an even application of the coating in your kit.
 - Once dried (4 hours depending on weather) apply a second coat (if needed).
 - Once finished applying the coating, clean out your brush thoroughly with water and allow it to dry before storing the remaining coating for future use.
 - * This is a topcoat, not a sealant. it acts as a barrier between your spills/splatters and the natural tile surface. It can deteriorate with excessive cleaning. Therefore, depending on how often your tiles require cleaning, reapplying this coating may be necessary every 1–3 years.
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WHAT TO EXPECT

Please understand that the coating allows for a long “reaction” time, and will not render your tiles stain-free. with aggressive stains such as—tomato sauce, wine, mustard, citrus etc., be sure to clean within 5 minutes. These stains contain acids that will etch the coating after long periods of time and deteriorate the protective finish. All spills/splatters can now be cleaned with pH neutral soap, water and a soft cloth or sponge.

TOP COAT KIT APPLICATIONS

- Extra protection on clé hand lithographed tiles.
- Extra protection on clé watermark tiles. Note that watermark tiles come with a single coat of top coat already applied.
- Extra protection on cement tiles.
- Extra protection on natural zellige tiles.
- Extra protection on other unglazed tiles such as terracotta.

NOTE for lithography & watermark: clé only recommends the use of the top coat kit for “sealing” lithography and watermark tiles. This top coat should not be used in combination with a penetrating sealer. Use of any other sealant may strip the decoration off the surface of lithography and watermark tiles.

NOTE for cement, natural zellige & unglazed terracotta: this top coat should not be used in combination with a penetrating sealer. If you opt to use the top coat kit for a busy kitchen backsplash—you should only use this product as your “sealant”.