



WHAT ARE MIDDLE EARTH NATURAL TERRACOTTA TILES?





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Natural unglazed fired clay tiles are often called Terracotta tiles, which literally means, "cooked earth". Because this type of tile was so popular, any brownish-orange colour has also been called Terracotta. At Middle Earth we use basic materials of natural clay and fire to create Terracotta Tiles durable paving and wall tiles.

What is the history of Natural Terracotta tiles?

Fired clay tiles had their origin as many as 4,000 years ago in ancient Egypt. They became popular in the Western Europe during the Middle Ages — the rust-coloured tiles were quite popular in the ancient monasteries in England, while artisans in Spain and Portugal added a colourful touch by hand-painting the tiles in bright colours to suit their sunny climate.

Quarry tiles and Natural Terracotta tiles are basically the same thing (quarry meaning "square" from the French term *quarrel*).

Why Natural Terracotta tile?

To make pure Natural Terracotta tiles, at Middle Earth Tiles we mould clay into shapes which are then fired at over 1200c in a kiln, with nothing added but water. The terracotta colour comes naturally from the colours of the clay as well as firing techniques and temperature.

These are natural terracotta tiles with colour all through the tile. These natural colours are ageless and often replicated in glazed tiles where a terracotta colour is painted onto the tiles. These imitation tiles do not have the benefits and attributes of Natural Terracotta tiles.

What are the benefits of Natural Terracotta Tiles?

With softened, irregular edges, a pleasing surface texture and the flamed colour tones, Natural Terracotta Tiles bring back the welcoming atmosphere of country floors. With wear the tiles, achieve a style, which improves their overall appearance.

Important features of Middle Earth natural terracotta tiles are:

- ***Colourfast*** - will not fade with age (unlike concrete)
- ***Non-slip*** - the perfect tile for outdoor paving
- ***Do not Reflect Sunlight*** - will not dazzle in bright sunlight
- ***Long lasting*** - easy to maintain, no glaze to wear out
- ***Perfect as a heat soak*** - retaining heat remarkably well
- ***Factory Treated*** - to protect the tiles from water absorption and frost protection




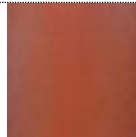

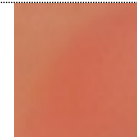












Like good wine, Natural Terracotta tiles improve with age



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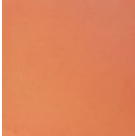








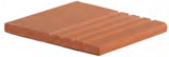

Tile Shape	Size	 Autumn/Gold	 Sahara	 Doeskin	 Fireburst	 Gunmetal	 Rustic	 Sunburst	 Sunset Red	 Terracotta
	150x150x12					Special production			Standard Production	Standard Production
	200x200x12							Special production	Standard Production	Standard Production
	250x250x14	Standard Production	Standard Production	Standard Production	Standard Production	Standard Production	Standard Production	Standard Production	Standard Production	Standard Production
	150x75x10		Standard Production					Standard Production		Standard Production
	235x75x10		Standard Production					Standard Production		Standard Production
	300x75x10		Standard Production					By Special Order		Standard Production
	300x100x12		Standard Production			Standard Production	Special production	Special production	Special production	Standard Production
	310x150x12		Standard Production			Standard Production	Standard Production	Standard Production	Special production	Standard Production
	FUTURE 450x150x14						Future Production	Future Production		Future Production



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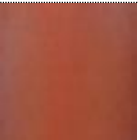


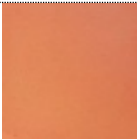



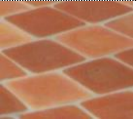




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		Autumn/Gold	Sahara	Doeskin	Fireburst	Gunmetal	Rustic	Sunburst	Sunset Red	Terracotta
	Handcrafted 250x250x14						Standard Production	Standard Production		Standard Production
	Handcrafted 250x250x14						Standard Production	Standard Production		Standard Production
	FUTURE Handcrafted 300x300x14						Future Production	Future Production		Future Production
	200x235x14								Standard Production	Standard Production
	250x235x14	Standard Production	Standard Production	Standard Production	Standard Production	Standard Production	Standard Production	Standard Production	Standard Production	Standard Production
	FUTURE 300x235x14								Future Production	Future Production
	Sill Tile	Standard Production	Standard Production	Standard Production		Standard Production		Standard Production	Standard Production	Standard Production
	Sill/Pool Tile 200x200x40mm	Standard Production	Standard Production	Standard Production		Standard Production		Standard Production	Standard Production	Standard Production
	Step Tread 150x150x12								Standard Production	Standard Production
	Step Tread 200x100 250x100 300x100								Standard Production	Standard Production



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	Handcrafted Octagonal	250x250x14mm	Special production	Special production	Special production	Special production	Special production	Special production	Special production	Special production
Cobble Style Tiles			 Red	 Antique						
	Cobble Tiles	125x125x14mm	Standard Production	Standard Production						
	Akaroa Squares	115x115x14mm	Standard Production	Standard Production						
	Honeycomb Tiles	130x130x14mm	Standard Production	Standard Production						



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Handcrafted 250x250 Rustic Terracotta tiles with Carterton Mosaic Strip



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Akaroa Terracotta Squares



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250x250 Terracotta Tiles



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250x250 Terracotta Tiles with Terracotta Bullnose



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300x100 Terracotta Tiles

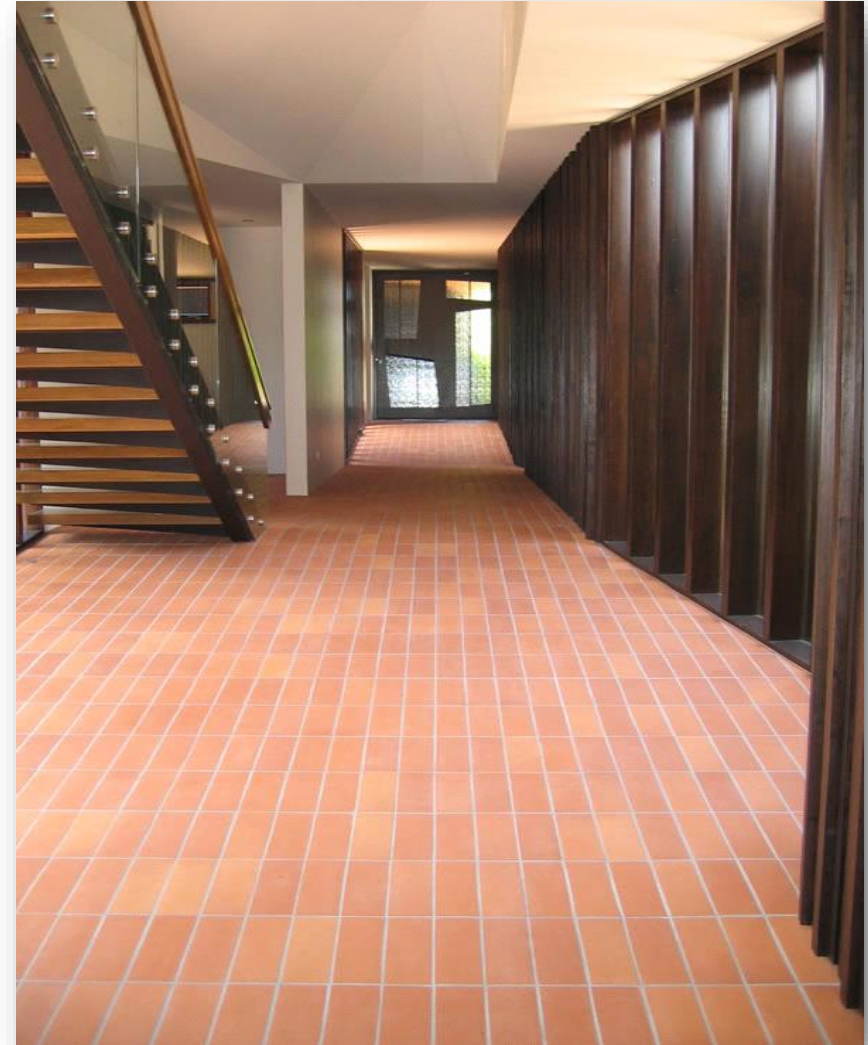


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Handcrafted 250x250 Sunburst Tiles in Ecco home



300x100 Terracotta Tiles



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300x100 Gunmetal colour terracotta tiles



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310x150 Sunburst colour terracotta tiles in Ecco Home



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300x100 Gunmetal Colour Terracotta tiles in Award Winning Home



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Handmade Cobble Tiles colour Red



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Honeycomb Cobbles - colours mixed Red and Antique



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310x150 Terracotta Tiles in "Twenty-Seven Names" Boutique



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Hunting Lodge Winery and Café



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300x100 Terracotta tiles - Colour Terracotta



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Rustic colour Terracotta Tiles



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Mixed Colour handmade Cobble tiles



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"Run of Kiln" Doeskin coloured terracotta tiles



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Handcrafted 250x250 Terracotta tiles - Colour Sunburst



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Handcrafted 250x250 Terracotta tiles - Colour Sunburst



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Handcrafted 250x250 Terracotta tiles - Colour Rustic



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Handcrafted 250x250 Rustic Terracotta tiles with Carterton Mosaic Strip



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Handcrafted Akaroa Square tiles



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Handcrafted 250x250 Fireburst Terracotta tiles



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250x250 Rustic Terracotta tiles



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Handcrafted 200x200 Terracotta tiles with glaze tile Mosaic Strip



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250x250 Rustic Terracotta tiles with Terracotta tile pieces coloured Sahara and Gunmetal



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Handcrafted Akaroa Squares in Red colour



Handcrafted Cobble tiles in Red and Antique colour



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Handcrafted Cobble tiles in mixed colours



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Terracotta tiles used as a Café feature wall



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Enopizzeria in Sydney, Australia - Terracotta 300x100mm tiles



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