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# MANUFACTURED STONE VENEER

By: Artistic Stone

## INSIDE TILE INC



Tile Inc. will be closed for one week:  
 Monday December 21<sup>st</sup>  
 through  
 Friday December 25<sup>th</sup>

We will reopen  
 Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>.



Tile Inc. will also be closed  
 New Years Day  
 Friday January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

We will reopen  
 Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> 2010.

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Tile Inc. has added a new and exciting product to our showroom: manufactured stone veneer by Artistic Stone. Traditionally, manufactured stone has been installed by other trades, but with new technology, manufactured stone installations can be done by tile installers. Now you can add beauty to fireplaces, exterior & interior walls, outdoor barbeques and much more. While Tile Inc. begins installing a manufactured stone display in the showroom, read on to learn a little more about manufactured stone veneer.

Manufactured stone veneer by Artistic Stone is stone. Using stone shaped molds, Artistic Stone is made from Portland cement, natural aggregates and pigmentation. Once installed it is virtually impossible to distinguish it from natural stone. No synthetic foams, resins or plastics are used. Also, Artistic Stone achieves the majority of its overall color through a substantial base pigmentation. This assures that there is color through the entire stone structure. Artistic Stone will weather like natural stone. It will even grow moss.

When cutting manufactured stone veneer by Artistic Stone, there are a few tools which may be used, such as: trowel, chisel or Artistic Stone masonry saw. Artistic Stone is untreated, wall surfaces such as wood, metal, wallboard and masonry. Keep in mind to add an average of 5% waste on projects due to cutting and finishing is often the most labor-intensive part of stone installation.



Depending on the style of manufactured stone used, some styles may have a very tight or joint less grout system whereas other stone styles suggest joints should be grouted using a grout bag.

If Artistic Stone is installed properly, no sealer is necessary. If a sealer is desired, use only water based breathable type sealer. Sealers in general are only providing water repellent, not waterproofing. Artistic Stone incorporates a water repellent admixture in the base mixture during the manufacturing process. However, sealing Artistic Stone can assist with the removal of natural weathering (mold or fungus) and soot stains from fireplaces.

Artistic Stone Products are virtually maintenance free. Occasional rinsing will remove surface dirt. Using abrasive cleaners or pressure washers may damage the stone and it is not recommended.

Aside from the stone, Artistic Stone manufactures a variety of accessories including corner trim, water sills, key stones, light boxes, wall caps and more.

For questions and additional information, please call your knowledgeable friends at Tile Inc. or visit [www.artisticstone.com](http://www.artisticstone.com).