

Boutique Collection - Engineered Solid Stone™

Installation - Shower Niche

IMPORTANT! Read all instructions carefully before beginning installation.

Shower Niche Installation Instructions.

The following are instructions for new construction, or a remodel that is taken down to the stud walls. Please read below for installing into an existing shower:

1. Locate a suitable location for the shower niche. The niche measures 12-7/8" (H) x 11-7/8" (W) x 3-1/4" (D). Frame out for the niche, making sure the frame is flush with the studs on the shower side, and level on top and bottom. Make note of its location in the wall. Build the back of the frame so that it is within 1/8" of the back of the niche for adhesive attachment when securing the niche in the wall. *See photo A to the right.*



Photo A

2. Install tile backer board on walls. Cut out the framed hole 3/8" smaller than the outer dimensions of the niche, to allow the niche to overlap the backer board, and dry fit the niche. Once the niche is dry fitted and checked for level, remove and apply construction adhesive to the back of the niche. Slide back into place, pressing firmly against the back wall for proper adhesion.
3. Use tape around outer flat surface to protect ESS surface during tiling and grouting.
4. Install tile, leaving a 1/8" gap for silicone caulk around the perimeter of the niche. Careful! Do not wipe grout against or over the face of the niche, as it will scratch the surface of the niche!
5. Remove tape and wipe niche clean. *See photo B to the right.*



Photo B

For Remodel with existing tile:

1. Cut the existing tile 12-7/8" tall x 11-7/8" wide x 3-1/4" deep in a suitable location. In this installation, the edge of the niche will sit on top of the tile.
2. Build the area directly behind the niche so that it is within 1/8" of the back of the niche for adhesive attachment when securing in the wall.
3. Apply construction adhesive to the back of the niche and the back edges of the niche to secure in the wall. Once in place, apply bathroom sealant around the edges of the niche where it meets the tile to waterproof.