



Lappato tiles

Where mat meets polish

Choosing the flooring finish is one of the most important decisions when designing the dream interiors. On the one hand, it serves as a background for other elements of décor, and on the other hand, it must be strong enough for every required usage. But how to combine what's prominently esthetic with what's prominently functional? The answer is simple: choose designer and durable gres tile in the lappato finish.

For the last few seasons, interior design has turned towards minimalism, simple forms and respect for the space to be arranged. In this demure trend, the eye goes to the detail, an element that draws our attention, a distinguishing feature and the strongest point of the entire composition. All of these aspects can be attributed to gres tiles in the lappato finish, ones that investors and designers have been so eagerly using to create

backgrounds for trendy and slightly ascetic compositions.

What is a lappato finish? Lappato in Italian means semi polished. It's a finish to a gres tiles surface that combines the advantages of mat and polished effect. By applying an additional, carefully selected finishing coat, a part of the surface remains mat, while the rest acquires a silky polish which, with the right lighting, will create a unique visual effect in any space. With lappato tiles floor design will never be boring – at different light angles, floor will unveil an entirely new, unknown face.

Usually lappato tiles are quite easy to identify as they have two depths. One level is normally shiny and reflects light, the other level is matt or even course by feel. This gives the so called honed look. Nowadays lappato tiles are manufactured in a wide range of colours – timeless white, warm beige, an entire range of modern grays, a bold brown and classic black. With a diversity of formats, modularity, as well as the possibility of combining mat and lappato tiles, the interior designs will be limited by your imagination only.

Properties of lappato tiles:

- heavily textured indoor tiles
- disperses the light to give softer sheen effect

- highly durable
- reduce slippery
- less likely to have visible cracks and scratches
- damage resistant
- modern and elegant effect

Cerrad is tiles manufacturer. Cerrad's Gres tiles belong to the group of glazed tiles. They are dry-pressed under high pressure, and then fired at approx. 1200°C. Gres tiles products are characterized by low water absorbency properties ($E_b \leq 0.5\%$), high breaking strength ($\geq 35 \text{ N/mm}^2$) and high hardness. They are frost-proof, have high resistance to abrasion, thanks to which they can be used both indoors and outdoors, both on walls and on floors. Additionally, they are resistant to chemicals and staining agents, and will form a perfect duet with floor heating. Tiles with the lappato finish from Cerrad's Apenino, Tassero, Cambia collection are rectified, which means that they are characterized by high dimensional repeatability. By choosing rectified tiles, there is a guaranty to receive a product of 0.3 mm in dimensional tolerance per each block.

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