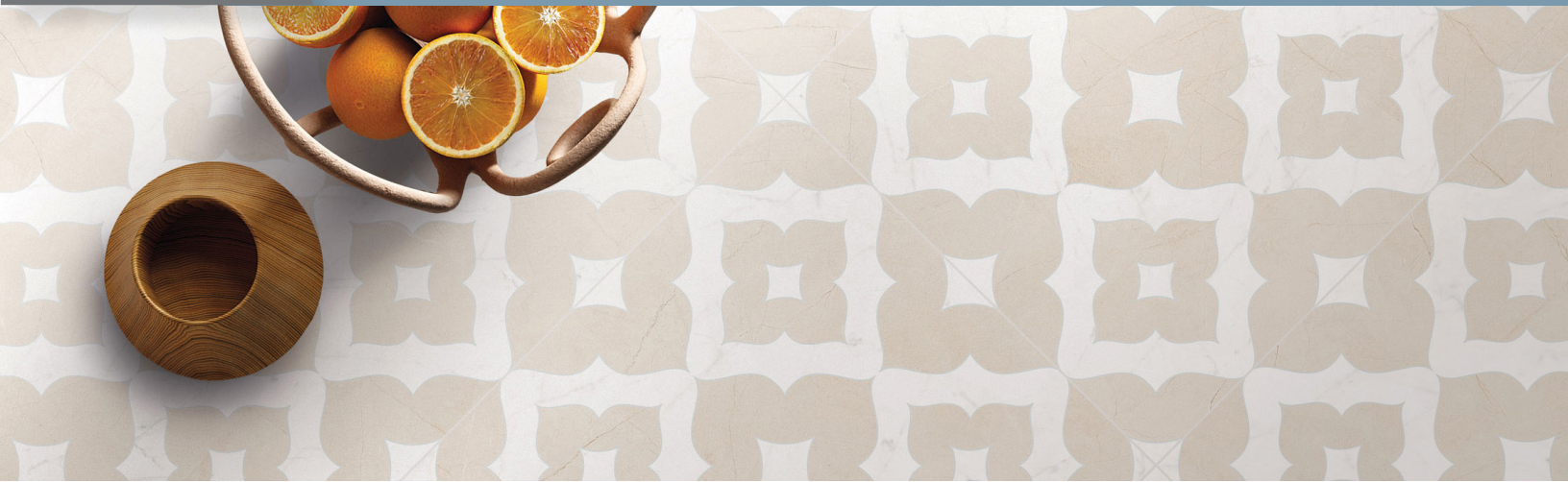




Installation & Pattern Alignment

The Italia Collection is designed to reproduce the intricate appearance of waterjet-cut natural marble in a large-format 24" x 48" porcelain tile. Because the waterjet design is reproduced as part of the porcelain manufacturing process, slight variations in pattern alignment from one tile to the next are inherent to the product and should be expected.

The tiles are rectified after production to provide precise, consistent dimensions. However, the rectification process controls the size and squareness of the tile and cannot ensure that every element of the decorative pattern will align perfectly from one tile to the next. When properly installed, any variation in pattern alignment should generally fall within the width of the recommended grout joint and become much less noticeable once the installation has been grouted.

For the best finished appearance:

1. Tiles should be installed on a flat, properly prepared substrate.
2. Particular attention should be given to maintaining a flat and level tile surface, as lippage can make pattern variations more noticeable.
3. Tiles should be dry-laid and reviewed prior to installation so the installer can determine the most visually pleasing placement.
4. A consistent grout joint should be maintained throughout the installation.

Slight pattern variation or misalignment between adjoining tiles is an inherent characteristic of this type of manufactured decorative porcelain and is not considered a product defect. These characteristics should be taken into consideration when selecting and installing this collection.



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