

Mounting guide

Tale of Tiles · handmade ceramic panel. Keep this guide and read it fully before you start.

Read this first. Your panel is handmade from real ceramic on a light, strong composite backing (fibreglass and resin) and sits in a made-to-measure black metal frame. It arrives as one piece, ready to hang. It is light, but ceramic stays fragile if dropped: mount it securely and responsibly.

- Check yourself that your wall can carry the weight and use the right plugs for your wall type.
- On plasterboard or wood, always anchor into the studs or the brick behind it, never loose in the plasterboard.
- For large sizes, hanging with two people is easier and safer.

What's included

- The panel as one piece, in a black metal frame with the hanging system already fitted on the back.
- Indoors: an aluminium hanging rail (French cleat) or sturdy brackets, with screws and plugs.
- Outdoors: stainless fixings (A4/316) and standoffs for an air gap.
- This guide.

Tools you'll need yourself

Drill · the right bit for your wall (masonry bit for brick or concrete) · spirit level · pencil · tape measure · screwdriver or cordless driver.

Indoors, on a solid wall (brick or concrete)

1. Set the height. Hold the panel against the wall and lightly mark the top edge with a pencil. Tip: eye height for the middle of the panel is usually around 150 cm from the floor.
2. Mark the rail. The top half of the French cleat is already on the back of the frame; the bottom half goes on the wall. Keep the wall rail level and mark the screw holes.
3. Drill the holes. Use a masonry bit, at least four fixing points across the width. Drill 5 to 6 cm deep.
4. Insert the plugs. Push the supplied plugs into the holes until they sit firmly.
5. Screw the wall rail down. Check with the level that it is straight and firm. Pull on it firmly to test.
6. Hang the panel. Lower the rail half behind the frame onto the wall rail; it clicks into place and centres itself. Handy with two people for large sizes.
7. Secure it. If supplied, tighten the locking screw at the bottom so the panel cannot be lifted off.

Indoors, on plasterboard or wood

Plasterboard will not carry ceramic without extra measures.

1. Find the wooden studs behind the plasterboard with a stud finder.
2. Screw the wall rail directly into at least two studs. If there are no studs in the right place, use heavy cavity fixings (spring toggle or anchor), never light plastic plugs.
3. Then follow steps 6 and 7 above.
4. Not sure the wall will hold? Have it done by a professional.

Outdoors, on the facade

1. Use only the supplied stainless fixings. Ordinary steel rusts and leaves brown streaks.
2. Fit the standoffs so there is 10 to 15 mm of air space between panel and wall. This lets moisture escape and prevents frost damage.
3. Drill into the masonry, insert the stainless plugs and screw the standoffs down level.
4. Fix the panel onto the standoffs and check everything is firmly secured.

Maintenance

Dust with a dry or slightly damp cloth. Do not use abrasives. The glaze keeps the colour beautiful for years.

Damage or questions

Arrived damaged? Send clear photos of the panel and the packaging within 48 hours and we'll remake or refund it. Questions about mounting? Get in touch before you drill: hello@taleoftiles.com.