

# clé GUILD OPHELIA

USAGE	Y / N
interior floor	Y
interior wall	Y
exterior floor	N
exterior wall	Y*
light residential traffic	Y
heavy residential traffic	N
light commercial traffic	N
heavy commercial traffic	N
Industrial traffic	N
shower	Y*
steam shower	Y*
fountain	N
pool	N
freeze/thaw	N
UV resistant	Y
radiant heating compatible	Y
heat resistant	Y
fireplace surround	Y
stove backsplash	Y*
sink backsplash	Y*
grout joint size	3/8"



## Standard thickness for Ophelia is 1/2".

Please note all dimensions are nominal. Additionally, dimensions can vary +/- 1/8".

\* There are specific installation requirements for this usage. Please review the ["Installation Areas"](#) section below, and discuss with your installer.

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**What's in our tile:** this collection is a journey along the hudson river, celebrating our love for new york city and its expansive, bucolic surrounding area in the industrial era of the 19th century.

To channel the era and aesthetic, the clé guild has created a series of richly colored, hand made, glazed thin brick in a range of colors that draw reference from across the empire state. ophelia's original glazes offer varying degrees of opacity, sheen and texture, and also produce a sublime, subtle shade variation within each color.

Due to the handmade craftsmanship of our tiles and the variety of materials used, there will be degrees of variation in color, shade, size and texture across production lots or batches. This means that your sample may not be a perfect match with your actual order, and that your add-on order may not be a perfect match to either. **This is the beauty of artisanal tile!**

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## INSPECTING YOUR SHIPMENT

- **WHAT TO EXPECT** - clé Guild Ophelia glazed brick shades and colors vary from brick to brick, some more than others. Glazed bricks are created by hand, one at a time, from unrefined clay and natural pigments, resulting in intentional variations of color, shade, texture, and size. You can also expect your tiles to be affected by crazing and iron spots, and some tiles might have wire-cut grooves. **ALSO** - Dust and shipping residue are to be expected and should be cleaned prior to installing.
- **BLEND BLEND BLEND** - due to the natural materials and production process of clé Guild Ophelia tiles, there will be degrees of variation in color, shade, and size in your order, therefore it is important to blend the tiles from all boxes once they arrive and place them in their installation area to ensure you have the layout you want before installing.
- **ORDER EXTRA!** - industry standard suggests adding at least 15% overage due to tile cuts, potential shipping breakage, or future repairs. However, due to the unrefined clay and natural pigments used in creating our Guild Ophelia tiles there will be variation in color, shade, and texture, as well as crazing and iron spots and possibly some tiles with wire-cut grooves. If these features do not fit your project's needs, we recommend ordering 20-30% overage. This will allow your contractor to cherry-pick the tiles most desirable for your project.
- **SHIPMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER** – tiles may be exposed to moisture and/or condensation during production or shipping which may affect the color of the tiles once received. Setting the tiles out to dry prior to installation will return the color to normal. Do not install tiles until fully dried.

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## INSTALLATION FYIs

- **GENERAL GUIDELINES, NOT INSTRUCTIONS** - clé offers general information about our tiles and their unique qualities and usages. Proper installation will only be attained if you have selected a seasoned installer with years of experience with artisan tiles. Any installer without artisan tile experience will not know how to install clé tiles and will likely result in failed installations.
- **INSTALLATION DEEMS ACCEPTANCE OF YOUR ORDER** - if you are not 100% sure of your tiles- DO NOT INSTALL THEM. As is standard in the tile industry and with all construction materials, installation deems acceptance of materials. Do not install if there are visible issues. If you have any doubts or are unsure of what qualifies as a visible issue for the tile you are installing, please reach out to us PRIOR to installation. Our tiles are subject to variations in color, texture, size, and finish. Misuse by contractor or end-user including but not limited to negligence, physical and/or chemical abuse, as well as order shortages ARE NOT a clé responsibility and therefore, not covered by clé's warranty.
- **TILE IS A MATERIAL. INSTALLATION ERRORS ARE NOT THE FAULT OF THE MATERIAL** – clé tile is a material. Tile is merely the surface of your construction. Installation problems will arise from inexperienced artisan tile installers, substrate, or construction engineering and/or installation issues. Please refer to your project architect, structural engineer and/or installer for best results.
- **PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR INSTALLER'S LEVEL OF ARTISAN TILE EXPERIENCE** - your installation will only be as good as your installer. Please visit our blog for tips on [how to choose an installer](https://www.cletile.com/blogs/cle-notes/how-to-choose-contractor-installer) (<https://www.cletile.com/blogs/cle-notes/how-to-choose-contractor-installer>).
- **REQUIRE YOUR INSTALLER PERFORM A “DRY RUN” BEFORE BEGINNING YOUR INSTALLATION** – before installing, make sure to lay out and blend ALL BOXES of your tiles so that your variations in color, and tiles that bear chips and pits are artfully placed as you would like. clé selects our tiles for their hand-hewn variations and their inherent surface and color variations, which include pits, cracks, and chipping. The best placement of these nuances throughout your installation must be guided by you and/or your design professional to realize the best possible blend of your shipment of our limited-availability tiles. Your installation is only as good as your DRY RUN.
- **DO NOT USE TAPE, BLUE TAPE, OR OTHER TAPE** - do not use blue tape or other construction tape during product installation. We cannot guarantee that the tape will not erode or damage our products.
- **WAIT UNTIL YOUR PROJECT IS COMPLETE BEFORE INSTALLING YOUR TILES** - install the tiles as late as possible in the project to minimize the risk of damaging the tile.

- **REQUIRE MOCK-UP BOARDS** – your next step to ensure your tiles will be organized properly and your grout joint size and color, as well as your sealant, are done to your design professional's specifications- we urge you to require your installer create mock-up boards prior to your installation. This is a STANDARD PRACTICE for seasoned installers as it enables the end-user and their design professional to test all the tile layouts in mock-up form and, also will allow for the mock-up boards to be examined in the space and lighting in which the tiles will be used. Before beginning the mock-up boards- make sure to FIRST do your above-recommended DRY RUN and lay out and blend your tiles as described in that section.
- **“FINAL FINISH” – WHAT IT IS AND WHY MAY YOUR PROJECT REQUIRES THIS?** - if you plan install your tile prior to the installation of cabinets, fixtures, etc., you'll need be refinish the tile after those other features are installed in a step we call the “final finish.” In this step, your contractor should replace any broken or chipped tiles caused by construction damage, scuffing, or any deterioration of the tile surface. They should also hire a professional refinisher for the final refinishing of your tile installation. (\*NOTE – Another benefit is that shipping refinishing can alleviate common shipping imperfections.). Make sure to account for this final step in your project timeline and budget.
- **TCNA and ANSI** - please refer to the current edition of the TCNA Handbook for best installation results and ANSI A137.1 American National Standard Specifications for Ceramic Tile to reference specifications.

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## INSTALLATION AREAS

- clé Guild Ophelia tiles can be used on dry interior floors with light residential traffic.
- clé Guild Ophelia tiles are not freeze/thaw resistant.
- clé Guild Ophelia tiles can be used on interior and exterior walls. For outdoor installations in cold-weather areas, there must be a flashing or roofing overhead and the tiles must be sealed with a water-repellent sealer.
- clé Guild Ophelia tiles are heat resistant and can be used on fireplace surrounds.
- clé Guild Ophelia tiles are radiant heating compatible.
- clé Guild Ophelia tiles can be installed in shower and steam shower walls with the application of a penetrating sealer. They should not, however, be installed in shower or steam shower floors.
- clé Guild Ophelia tiles can be used as a stove backsplash, please consult with your installer to see if a range splash is required for your installation.
- clé Guild Ophelia tiles can be installed on backsplashes in bathrooms with the application of a penetrating sealer.

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## GROUT

- clé recommends using a  $\frac{3}{8}$ " grout joint with this collection.
- clé recommends using mortar and a sanded cementitious grout that comply with the ANSI A118 or ISO 13007 classifications suitable for your project. Please consult with your installation professional to make these determinations.
- Grout color selection is always up to our client and/or their design professional. However, clé is often asked for our opinion on best grout selections for our tiles. And due to the large array of grout colors that are now available, clé would like to offer this general guideline on a grout color selection for any of your clé tiles.
  - First, have your contractor complete your tile installation, except for the grout portion.
  - Next, when ready to grout, ask your contractor to bring ALL grout color charts from his preferred grout manufacturers, for your review.
  - Lastly, choose a time of day when you are most pleased with the lighting in your space (either natural lighting, installed lighting or a blend of both). During that lighting and time of day, select the grout color that best matches your tile selection.
  - If you are working with patterned tiles, highly color-variegated tiles or a combination of tiles, we recommend that you follow the above recommendations—but match your grout to the color in your pattern that you would like to accentuate.
- It is recommended that if your Guild Ophelia tiles have visible crazing, that a grout release or penetrating sealant be applied prior to grouting.
- Additionally, it is recommended that if your Guild Ophelia tiles are being grouted with a contrasting grout color vs. a matching one, then a penetrating sealant or grout release should be applied prior to grouting in order to minimize the possibility of the contrasting grout curing in the inherent hairline cracks.

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## SEALING, MAINTENANCE AND CARE

- Please follow Laticrete's [Sealing, Maintenance and Care](#) guide for more guidance on cleaning, maintaining, and caring for your tile installation.
- **If you have any questions regarding Laticrete products or how to use them, please contact Laticrete directly by phone: 1-800-243-4788 X 1235.**

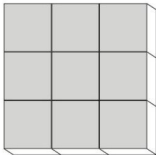
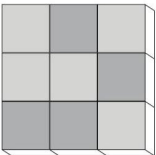
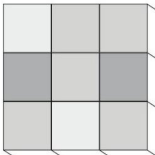
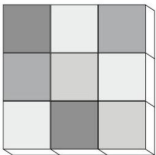
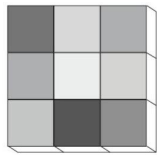
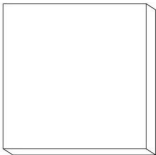
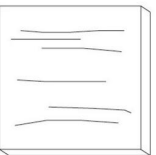
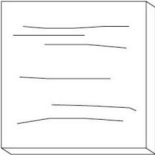
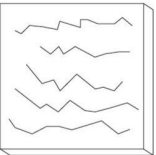
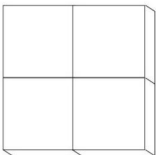
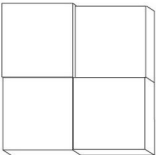
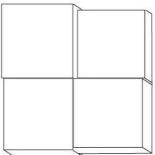
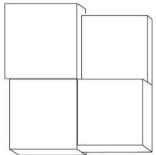
# ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATIONS

## COLOR, TEXTURE AND SIZE VARIATION

Due to the handmade craftsmanship of many of our tiles and the variety of materials used, there are degrees of variation in our tiles color, shade, size and texture. These differences are more pronounced in certain types of tiles than others, especially in tiles from separate production lots, or “batches”. This makes it unlikely that your sample will be a perfect match with your actual order or that your add-on order will be a perfect match to either! You can also expect your tiles to be affected by crazing and iron spots, and some tiles might have wire-cut grooves.

The following is a guide for the different degrees of variation that we have assigned our tiles:

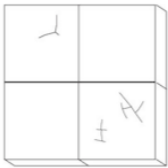
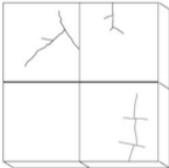
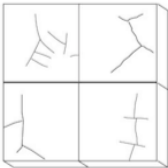
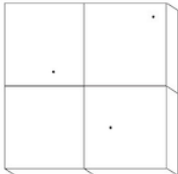
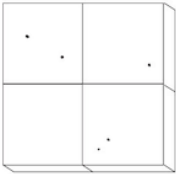
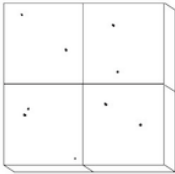
clé Guild Ophelia glazed thin bricks are rated ‘level 2 slight’ for texture variation and ‘level 2 medium’ for size variation. Color variation varies between tiles, please visit the clé Guild Ophelia product pages on [www.cletile.com](http://www.cletile.com) for individual tile ratings.

CATEGORY	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 5
COLOR VARIATION	 low	 slight	 medium	 heavy	 extreme
TEXTURE VARIATION	 smooth	 slight	 medium	 heavy	n/a
SIZE VARIATION	 slight	 medium	 heavy	 extreme	n/a

IMPERFECTIONS

Crazing: 'level 1: will occur'

Iron Spots: 'level i: will occur'

CATEGORY	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
CRAZING	<div><p>will occur</p></div>	<div><p>prevalent</p></div>	<div><p>heavy</p></div>
IRON SPOTS	<div><p>will occur</p></div>	<div><p>prevalent</p></div>	<div><p>heavy</p></div>

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## FLOOR RATING

clé Guild Ophelia tiles are rated I (can be used for light residential foot traffic)

### **I** light residential

for residential areas with light foot traffic. examples can include bathroom, bedroom, formal dining and living rooms. please note the following:

- not suitable for shoes with hard sole profiles (cleats, stilettos, etc.)
- the floor must be kept clean from abrasive debris (gravel, mud, salt, etc.)
- immediately clean all stains (food, personal and household care products, oils, paints, chemicals etc.)

### **II** heavy residential

for residential areas with continuous foot traffic. examples can include entry, hallway, kitchen, foyer, laundry and mud rooms. please note the following:

- the floor must be kept clean from abrasive debris (sand, gravel, mud, salt, etc.)
- immediately clean all stains (food, personal and household care products, oils, paints, chemicals etc.)

### **III** light commercial

for commercial areas with light foot traffic. examples can include commercial offices, doctor's offices and boutiques. please note the following:

- the floor must be kept clean from abrasive debris (sand, gravel, mud, salt, etc.)
- immediately clean all stains (food, personal and household care products, oils, paints, chemicals etc.)

### **IV** heavy commercial

for commercial areas with continuous foot traffic. examples can include hotel lobby, retail, corridors in an office building, shopping mall and restaurant. please note the following:

- the floor must be kept clean from abrasive debris (sand, gravel, mud, salt, etc.)
- immediately clean all stains (food, personal and household care products, oils, paints, chemicals etc.)

### **V** industrial

standard industrial floor use with no extreme, heavy breakage or spillage. examples can include restaurant kitchen, bar work area, winery production, exterior hotel entry, airport, car showroom, driveway. please note the following:

- the floor must be kept clean from abrasive debris (sand, gravel, mud, salt, etc.)
- immediately clean all stains (food, personal and household care products, oils, paints, chemicals etc.)



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## PRODUCT FINISH

Our Guild Ophelia tiles all have a glossy finish with the exception of the Dutchess Rose colorway, which has a slightly satin finish.

MATTE	EGGSHELL	SATIN	SEMI-GLOSS	GLOSS
non-reflective, subtle texture	soft sheen, subtle texture	luminous, smooth texture	moderate reflectiveness	reflective, high sheen

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## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Glazed thin brick.

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## PRODUCT COMPONENTS

Clay, glaze.

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## DIMENSIONS

SHAPE	DIMENSIONS	WEIGHT
RECTANGLE	6.35cm x 20.3cm x 1.27cm (2.5" x 8" x 1/2")	0.39 kg per tile (0.85 lb)

\* Please note all dimensions are nominal. Additionally, dimensions can vary +/- 1/8"

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**AVERAGE COEFFICIENT OF FRICTION (DCOF ACUTEST)**

SHAPE	WET DCOF	DRY DCOF
RECTANGLE	0.21 (no wet floors)	0.81 (interior, dry floors)

\*Application of an anti-slip sealer or treatment can help increase slip resistance.

\*DCOF is only one factor and should be considered together with levelness of surface to be tiled, type of use, expected traffic, contaminants, maintenance, and wear when choosing a tile for your project

Per ANSI A326.3 standards:

interior floors intended to be walked on *when dry* should have a *dry* DCOF of at least 0.42,

interior floors intended to be walked on *when wet* should have a *wet* DCOF of at least 0.42,

exterior floors intended to be walked on *when wet* should have a *wet* DCOF of at least 0.55

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**FREEZE/THAW RESISTANCE (ASTM C1026)**

Ophelia bricks are not freeze/thaw resistant.

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**WATER ABSORPTION TEST (ASTM C373)**

avg. 10.6%; non-vitreous.

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**ACID RESISTANCE**

Ophelia bricks are not resistant to acids and should be cleaned with pH neutral cleaners.

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## LEED CREDITS

The product is an inherently non-emitting source of VOCs (stone, ceramic, metals, powder-coated metals, plated or anodized metal, glass, cement, clay brick, and unfinished or untreated solid wood) and has no integral organic -based surface coatings, binders, or sealants.

Ophelia bricks are considered 'inherently non-emitting sources' under the Low-emitting Materials Credit of LEEDv4/v4.1. **\*This is a credit for Ophelia that is eligible to be used toward LEED.**

'Inherently non-emitting' means that these tile types have been shown to not contribute emissions to indoor environments and are therefore exempt from demonstrating compliance with CDPH v1.1-2010 or CDPH v1.2-2017.

Use of these tiles as Wall or Flooring materials should be entered in the LEED v4.1 low-emitting materials Calculator and identified as 'inherently non-emitting' in the Products Tab (Column L).

Disclosures for MR Credit Material Ingredient Disclosures under LEEDv4/v4.1, are not available at this time. We are exploring our disclosure options and have not established a timeline for completion.

Disclosures for MR Credit Environmental Product Declarations under LEEDv4/4.1, are not available at this time. We are exploring our disclosure options and have not established a timeline for completion.

Contribution to MR Credit Material Sourcing under LEEDv4/v4.1, applies as there is pre-consumer recycled content in our bricks. **\*This is a credit for Ophelia that is eligible to be used toward LEED.**

\* Ophelia can contribute to two LEEDv4/v4.1 points under the Low-emitting Materials Credit and under the MR Credit Material Sourcing.

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## **RECYCLED CONTENT**

The clay mix in our clé Guild Ophelia bricks consist of grog (ground up brick and brick waste). See material sourcing disclosure above.

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## **PERCENTAGE OF PRE-CONSUMER AND/OR POST-CONSUMER MATERIALS**

There is approximately 8.4% pre-consumer material content (grog) in each of our Ophelia bricks.

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## **FIRE RATING**

Typically, ceramic tile does not need to have fire rating testing performed. It is our understanding from TCNA that the explanation that ceramic is inorganic, inert, and typically free of materials that could burn or produce smoke is generally enough to satisfy a specifier and that testing is not necessary. Also, the temperatures observed in the testing are typically lower than the temperatures at which ceramic tiles are fired.

Ceramic tile falls under the description, "because ceramic tile is non-flammable and does not produce smoke in a fire, it inherently meets the flame spread and smoke development requirements of Section 803 of the International Building Code (IBC) for interior wall and ceiling materials."