



SUZANNE CRANE FINE STONEWARE

Handmade Tiles, Tile Murals, and Sink Basins in the Arts and Crafts Tradition

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4 x 4 Tiles



Item #4TB-ABO
Botanical Amber with Black Trim
and Oxide Points



Item #4TB-GBO
Botanical Green with Black Trim
and Oxide Points



Item #4TB-BBO
Botanical Blue with Black Trim
and Oxide Points

Not Pictured #4TB-CBO, Bot.
Caramel, Black Trim, Oxide
points

For all glaze choices, see the 6x6
tile photos.

About Our Tiles:

Our tiles are made by hand, without molds, one at a time, and each tile is unique. We use real botanical specimens to make the leaf impression in each tile, so, like snowflakes, no two tiles are identical.

We use a slab roller to roll out our stoneware clay, and cut out the tiles with either 4x4 or 6x6 copper tile cutters. We then carefully scribe guidelines into the wet clay to delineate the botanical sections and the point borders. Pressing freshly gathered plant specimens into the wet clay, we use a special process which leaves an accurate fossil impression of the specimen. When the tile has stiffened, we press the point pattern into the border, one point at a time, using a special stylus. The tile is then set to dry between two sheets of drywall for over a week. We bisque fire the tile to harden it for glazing, and then glaze it using our own glaze recipes. The glazed tiles are then high-fired in a reduction atmosphere. The green and caramel tiles are then fired again in an oxidation atmosphere.

Our tiles mix well with commercial field tiles, slate, marble, and granite in kitchen and bath installations. We have produced commissions for fireplace surrounds, kitchen backsplashes, floor installations, bathroom walls, and murals.

Each tile is one of a kind, touched by the artist's hand—slight irregularities in texture, color, and shape enhance the handmade nature of each tile. Because we use real botanical specimens gathered along the creek-sides and mountains of Virginia to make each tile, no two tiles will be identical. Customers may order a variety of different plant specimens, or may specify that they want all ferns. Botanical specimens will vary according to seasonal availability.

Turn-around time on orders is one month.