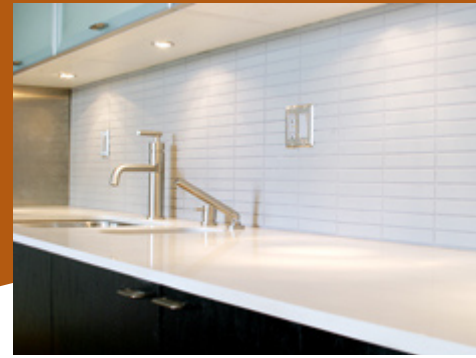


# Decorative Tiles



COVERINGSETC

## Vendor:

Coverings Etc.  
www.coveringsetc.com  
7610 NE 4th Court  
Miami, FL 33138  
(305) 757-6000

## Standard for category:

porcelain tile

## Independent certification:

Years in service: 1+

Target user: DIY and contractors

## Price Code:

**95:** Priced 5% lower than comparable ceramic and porcelain tiles

## Product Summary:

Eco-Gres Mosaic tiles are available as a 1" mosaic tile back-mounted to a 12" x 12" sheet or as a 1" x 6" tile back-mounted to a 12" x 12" sheet. More than 20 colors are available in either style. Many of the colors are standard stock, however, some require long lead times. There are also ordering minimums, so plan your project accordingly.

## Eco-Gres™ Mosaic

Eco-Gres Mosaic is an unglazed porcelain mosaic which is manufactured with 50% post-industrial recycled content. This slip-resistant tile lends itself for use in wet areas, outdoors and high traffic interior applications. Tiles measure 1" x 1" back-mounted on a 12" x 12" sheet. Eco-Gres Mosaic Tile is produced by Coverings Etc. of Miami, Fla. This company specializes in tiles, slabs and countertop surfaces which possess a high degree of style as well as a high recycled content.

## Advantages

- Non-toxic and mold resistant
- Heat and frost resistant
- Extremely durable
- Made from 50% post-industrial waste
- May qualify for several LEED credits



( See reverse for details )

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## Degree of Green™ Details for Eco-Gres Mosaic

2°

**Health** Similar to other types of ceramic or porcelain tile, Eco-Gres Mosaic tiles are inert and free of outgassing. The tiles still need to be installed using adhesive or thin-set mortar, grout and a grout sealer, so the potential for added toxicity exists.

3°

**Sustainability** Eco-Gres Mosaics are made using post-industrial waste, thus reducing the amount of raw materials needed. The average life span of porcelain is about 40-50 years, which is several times greater than other flooring materials.

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**Environment** Ceramic or porcelain tiles like Eco-Gres do not contain any volatile organic compounds that could cause outdoor air pollution. However, the additional materials needed to install the tiles may, so do your homework. These tiles are produced in Italy predominantly for the US market, so, the product's "carbon footprint" is a bit higher than locally produced tiles.

## Disadvantages

- Currently only available from their showrooms in New York and Miami, plus a short list of dealers throughout the US. Check the factory website for a location in your area
- Not available in other sizes
- Not available in DIY stores
- Freight cost may make this material more expensive in the long run

## Conclusion

For those who are familiar with porcelain mosaic tiles, Eco-Gres will provide an "environmental" step up. If you haven't had much experience with this type of material, you'll be pleasantly surprised at how attractive, durable and easy to install Eco-Gres can be. For both commercial and residential projects alike, Eco-Gres will provide a contemporary look using age-old technology. However, don't be too surprised at the slight difficulty you'll have in getting this material. You might have to pay a bit more than average to get this shipped to your area.

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