

SOHO BRICK PANEL INSTALLATION

- 1) Draw a level line across the receiving wall.
- 2) Apply the ceramic wall glue with a 3/16" notched trowel.
- 3) Start with the first panel from either the left or right side. Align the top edge of the panel with the level line and press firmly into place.
- 4) Cut excess mesh from the next panel and apply into the fingering position along side of the first panel.
- 5) You may find the occasional panel to misalign with the previous, simply cut the mesh around the problematic area and align to your satisfaction.
- 6) Repeat the process until you complete the wall.
- 7) Take a break and allow the adhesive to set for a minimum of one hour.
- 8) Now you are ready to apply the mortar. Pour the Mortar mix into a 5 gallon pail, add water and mix until you have a "Yogurt" consistency. If the mixture is too "runny" add a few cups of pure Portland Cement or Masonry Cement. This will strengthen the Mortar and is the quickest way to achieve the right consistency.
- 9) Half fill the mortar bag with a few cups of mortar and apply between the bricks, as you would decorate a cake.
- 10) Allow the mortar to set for approximately 20-30 minutes, begin "tooling" the excess mortar with the pointing tool or spoon. Approximately 50% of the mortar will drop off as you "Tool" the wall. Once complete, remove the excess mortar from the bricks using a stiff brush.
- 11) Mortaring can be time consuming, but remember, you are creating the look of an old wall. If the bricks and mortar are not aligned properly... it's OK! It'll look older and reflect authenticity. Broken bricks add realism, so break a few!
- 12) Enjoy your creation!