

Yeomans Slate Wholesalers - Sandstone Advice

The following information is intended as a general guide only, if in doubt, please contact your supplier or distributor.

Sandstones are stratified sedimentary rocks mainly composed of silica.

By nature, those sandstones which are splittable along bedding lines find more commercial acceptance than non-splittable ones.

In the splittable category, thin layers or beds of sandstone from a thickness range of 0.5" to a few feet are cleaved or split by hand chisels or cut on gang saws into the desired thickness.

Non-splittable sandstones are quarried in block form and then cut into slabs on machines just like marble or granite.

Hand split slabs/tiles will show natural surfaces while machine cut slabs/tiles will show sawn surface finishes.

Cut to size, sandstone tiles in a standard thickness of 25mm to 35mm in natural split surface finish are mainly used for flooring, paving, wall cladding and other varied applications.

Though natural split surface finish is the most preferred choice, it does depend on the area of application -surface finishes like honed, sand blasted, polished and bush hammered are also used.

These edges can either be hand dressed or machine cut.

Flooring

Sandstone tiles are used in interior flooring to add a new dimension and are available in a wide range of colours, finishes

and sizes which can be suitably matched with the interior walls.

Wall Cladding

Sandstone is also widely used for wall cladding of interior as well as exterior walls of buildings.

The strength of sandstone along with their natural appearance are the first choice for facet, veneer façade and front elevations.

Paving and Others

Sandstones find no restrictions in a far reaching range of applications.

They are also used in paving of pathways, sidewalks, patios, driveways, garden beds, fencing and coping.