WALL PREPARATION - The wall should be clean and free of dust and other contaminants. The surface sub straight of the wall should be even and plumb. The surface wall material should be finished just as if it were an exposed wall.

PADDED TILE INSTALLATION DIRECTLY TO THE WALL SURFACE – The area where you’re applying the wall tiles should be planned out in the desired pattern prior to applying glue to the wall surface. A carpenters pencil is the best choice as the pencil lines can be seen thru the adhesive, chalk lines tend to wipe off when the adhesive is being applied to the wall. Mark key horizontal and vertical lines just like installing conventional tiles.

When layout is determined, apply Mapei Eco 810 or similar adhesive directly to the wall surface using a standard paint roller.

Apply adhesive to an area that can be worked in 10-20 minutes, don’t apply the entire wall at one time if it exceeds the worker ability to cover the area in that timeframe. Tiles should be set while the adhesive is “wet”.

Install the bottom row of tiles first; make sure the base row is securely adhered to the wall prior to adding the weight of the second course. The first course is the foundation; it needs to be firmly in place so that the subsequent courses of tiles do not cause your foundation row to slide down the wall.

You may want to place a starter strip at the base of your wall as a solid and level foundation for the tiles, once the adhesive dries the starter strip can be removed.

NOTE FOR HAIR-ON-HIDE TILES - These tiles may have some hair that extends over the cut lines of the tile. This may happen on only one or a few sides of a tile. The hair growth direction cannot be controlled and thus the tiles may have the over-growth. This can be used to your advantage and the finished look of your application.

Please see the photo below for illustration.