

NORTON TILE COMPANY

traditional hand made delft tiles

The Delft Collections: Polychrome Delft



An independent studio workshop dedicated to creating beautiful delft tiles by hand using traditional skills.

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Introduction

Welcome to this *catalogue* of our polychrome delft tiles. Although somewhat unusual today, early delft tiles were usually decorated with several glaze colours. These *Polychrome tiles* can be really striking and we have created some delightful examples based on traditional styles. At Norton Tile we have specialised in creating beautiful delft tiles for many years and today we are one of the very few tile workshops in Europe still using the original tile maker's methods. All our tiles are *handmade* and every design tile is individually *hand painted* by us in our workshop in rural Sussex.

The catalogue shows our carefully considered collection of polychrome delft *design (or picture) tiles* and whilst they are all our own work we readily acknowledge we have learnt heavily on original 16th and 17th century designs. Where a less intense decoration is sought we recommend mixing design tiles with '*corners only*' tiles - often in a ratio of six 'corners only' tiles to each design tile. The use of 'corners only' tiles in this way maintains the delft style throughout the tiled area.

The *price* of all the design tiles in the Polychrome Collections is £15.00 each. The 'corners only' tiles are £3.60 per tile. These prices are fully inclusive with the exception of delivery which is charged at cost – and you are always welcome to collect your tiles from our workshop if this is more convenient.

The tiles are arranged in *Collections* of six designs following a particular theme but please feel free to *mix and match* from the collections to create your own personal selection. And if you can't find exactly what you are looking for in these collections then we offer a *bespoke* service and would be happy to create designs specifically for you – perhaps you have a particular theme in mind, want to include a personal image, or have seen delft designs you have fallen in love with. Sometimes people decide just to include one or two bespoke designs to add to their selection of tiles from our Collections. Ultimately the choice is entirely yours. Find out more about bespoke tiles on our website or simply get in touch by telephone or email. You will find our *contact details* at the end of the catalogue.

Whilst we are talking about choice we also have delft collections in *other glaze colours* – blue, crimson, green, and sepia. You can find out more and download catalogues from our website.

Just to add a further thought - the original delft style decorations were in the form of *tile panels*, sometimes covering a whole wall, using many individual tiles to create a single overall image or design. What we generally think of today as delft tiles, with a complete design on a single tile, came somewhat later. We can create traditional hand painted delft panels in pretty much any size and design of your choice. We would be delighted to discuss your ideas so please contact us for further details.

Introduction continued

Because you really do need to hold one in your hand and to touch and see the real thing, we are always very pleased to send *sample tiles*.

All our tiles are made to order so we only keep a small stock from our range of tiles to use for samples. As a result, while we can happily send you a sample of a particular colour (ie blue, green, sepia, crimson or polychrome) we cannot undertake to send a specific design (eg flowers or birds). These sample tiles are available at a special price of £10 including postage and packing. The advantage is that because these tiles are held in stock we can usually dispatch them to you by first class post the same day. There is a Sample Tile Order form near the back of this catalogue – alternatively you can order samples online at our website.

If you would prefer to see a specific tile you have in mind you can order a single tile using the Tile Order Form at the end of this catalogue, polychrome tiles are £15.00 each and single glaze colour (blue, green, sepia and crimson) are £12.50 each plus post and packing and you should allow around two to three weeks for the tile to be completed.

In the absence of you holding a sample tile in your hand, we invited *our artist* to describe the tiles. You must, perhaps, forgive its romantic undercurrents but we are, after all, passionate about our work!



"The tile is hand made in terracotta clay. A white glaze surface breaks over the undulating edges, revealing in places hints of the pinkish undertones of the clay. All the special qualities of the handmade tile are accentuated by this process making the tile itself appear ageless and, indeed, it has been mistaken for an old delft tile. All this before the charm of the design itself is individually hand painted onto its surface, each one having its own enchantment. Individually, they are to fall in love with but it is over a large surface that the craftsmanship of the handmade, hand painted tile, comes into its own. As an artist, I have never bored of painting them and love the way that a simple image can have such depth of character, at once springing into life. So much so that you can hear the small piper playing his flute as he sits perched upon a rock and feel the sea spray as the tip of a galleon's prow hits a rolling wave, whilst, high above the singing rigging, two seagulls dip towards the horizon. Don't get me started on describing all the possibilities ..!"

Above all we want you to *enjoy* every aspect of your delft tiles so if you have any questions please do get in touch.

Polychrome Delft - Birds



PBIRD1



PBIRD2



PBIRD3



PBIRD4



PBIRD5



PBIRD6



PCORNER

All tiles are five inches. Design tiles are £15.00 each and 'Corners Only' tiles are £3.60 each.

Polychrome Delft – Flowers



PFLOWER1



PFLOWER2



PFLOWER3



PFLOWER4



PFLOWER5



PFLOWER6



PCORNER

All tiles are five inches. Design tiles are £15.00 each and 'Corners Only' tiles are £3.60 each.

Information

Tile dimensions

All tiles are approximately five inches by five inches (the traditional size for delft tiles) and 9mm thick. Because our tiles are handmade the tile dimensions noted in this catalogue are approximate and the dimensions of individual tiles may be subject to a degree of variation.

Prices

Prices are fully inclusive except for delivery which will depend upon your location and is charged separately at cost.

Ordering and delivery

You can place an order by telephone, email or post. If you are ordering tiles from our Delft Collections then each tile has a reference (eg CFLOWER6) which can be used to help compile your order. See the attached Tile Order Form.

Once we receive your order we will advise you of the total price, including delivery, and the estimated delivery time which will depend upon the size of your order and the existing work schedule in our studio. We will confirm with you this is all in order.

Orders for bespoke tiles or tile panels cannot be cancelled or returned.

Once your tiles are ready we will contact you again to agree a delivery date (we will need somebody to be available at the delivery address to receive the tiles) and to ask for payment by credit/debit card either online or over the telephone (we accept all major credit and debit cards). If you choose to pay by cheque we will need to allow several days for the payment to clear before the tiles are dispatched.

Above all we want the whole experience of you choosing and owning our delft tiles to be an enjoyable one so if at any stage there is anything you wish to discuss please do get in touch

Sample tiles

We are always very pleased to send sample tiles.

As our tiles are made to order for each customer we only keep a small stock of tiles to send as samples. As a result, while we can send you a particular glaze colour (ie blue, green, sepia, crimson or polychrome) we cannot undertake to send a specific design (eg flowers). However, because these tiles are held in stock we can usually dispatch them by first class post the same day. You can order a sample tile by post using the attached Sample Tile Order Form or online at our website by credit/debit card.

Terms of business

All business is accepted subject to our terms and conditions. A copy is available on request or can be viewed at our website.

Contact information

You can contact us by email, post or telephone:

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Sample tile order form

Please use this form to order a sample tile in the glaze colour of your choice. Sample tiles are £10 each including post and packing. We are normally able to dispatch sample tiles within 24 hours by first class post. (If you need a specific design tile then please order this in the normal way using our main Tile Order Form allowing two to three weeks for the tile to be made).

[If you prefer you can also order sample tiles online at www.norton-tile.co.uk and pay by credit/debit card]

Your name		
Your address		
Your postcode		
Your telephone - in case we need to contact you.		
Glaze colour required – please tick:		
	Blue	
	Crimson	
	Green	
	Sepia	
	Polychrome	
Please add any comments or message:		

Please send this form together with your cheque for £10.00 made payable to The Norton Tile Company Limited to:

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The Coach House
Norton Lane, Norton
Chichester PO20 3NH

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Tile order form

Please use this form to record the tiles you wish to order. Each tile has a unique reference code(eg BFLOWER3). Once complete you can either send the order form to us by post or as an email attachment or, if you prefer, telephone us and we can take down details of your order over the phone. Once we have received your order we will confirm the total price including delivery and give you an estimate of the delivery date. Please do not send any money with your order, payment is not due until your tiles are ready for dispatch. If you have any questions please get in touch.

Name			
Address			
Postcode			
Telephone			
Email			
Tile Reference Code	Quantity	Tile Reference code	Quantity
Please continue in next column		Please continue on an additional form	

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