

## DT13-19 INSTALLATION AND CARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR MOSAICS WITH METAL ACCENTS

This bulletin pertains to the following mosaics:

Lavaliere – Stone and Brass Mosaics

The metal accents in these mosaics are made of copper or brass. These metal accents are normally glued to a stone or ceramic base to achieve an even thickness throughout the mosaic.

**Installation:** use a wet saw to cut through the stone and metal. If the metal falls off the mosaic during cutting or after installation, use clear epoxy glue to adhere the metal back to the base. A sealer needs to be applied before and after grouting. The sealer should not damage the metal, but check with the sealer manufacture if their specific sealer cannot be used on metal.

**Cleaning:** As any copper or brass products, the metal will tarnish when exposed to the elements. To clean this, first protect the mosaic by covering the stone and grout with painter's tape. Then use a metal polish with neutral PH and a soft cloth to clean the metal carefully. If the metal polish accidentally touches the stone, wipe it off immediately with a damp cloth. Avoid cleaners with acid or alkaline base.