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From Alohaland, Ditmar.

Dwiggins, Sandra (NCI) on wed 2 dec 98

Paul Lewing gets H & R Johnson tiles from England. He says they are the only
ones that can safely go up to Cone 6.

Sandy

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From: Ditmar/Gayle [SMTP:gaylecat@maui.net]
Sent: Wednesday, December 02, 1998 11:15 AM
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Judith,

The tiles Ditmar refers to at SPS are made by Toucan Tile and are available in either cone 6 or cone 10. They are, however, not quite white, if that matters to you (it does to me). The B&W, as well as virtually every other brand available, and there are many, are lowfire only. For a complete treatise on using commercial bisqued tiles, look at the article I wrote for the Tiles on the Web website at <http://www.aimnet.com/~tcolson/webtiles.htm>.

One favor I ask of all of you- please don't ask me where I get them unless you live in the Seattle area. It's just that you need to get them from your local wholesale distributor of whatever brand you're looking for. They will probably be much cheaper than from any ceramic supplier. The exception here is the J&R Johnson tiles, which are imported from England. Look in CM for the ad by HBD Ceramics, the US distributor, or call Ceramic Supply of NY & NJ in Lodi, NJ.

By the way if anyone out there has a source for white 1/4" thick tiles taht wi;ll go to cone 5 that I did not mention in that article, you'd

have my eternal gratitude if you'd pass on the source.

Paul Lewing, Seattle

Jeanne Ormsby on sat 5 dec 98

At least here in the DC area, Dal-Tile is open to retail purchasers--just did my kitchen, nice people.

Jeanne

At 04:44 PM 12/3/98 EST, you wrote:

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Leona Stonebridge Arthen on sat 5 dec 98

I get H & R Johnson tiles from HBD Ceramics in Michigan. They advertise in CM. I never have any breakage in shipments from them and the prices are good.

Leona

At 4:44 PM -0500 12/3/98, gail sheffield wrote:

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