

Travaertine floor installation

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Hello Maurizio, I am going to have filled & honed travertine 18x18 tiles laid in my kitchen and foyer. My contractor suggested a sandless grout FlexFresh to be exact. I wanted your opinion. I also wanted to ask if travertine could be applied to the stairs off of the kitchen or would it be too slippery of a surface? Is ceramic tile more practical?

Dear Troylan:

I really don't know about that particular brand of grout, but sand-less grout is indeed the way to go.

About your second question, I assume that you're making reference to stairs leading from the kitchen to the outdoors.

To make sure, hone-finished stone is slippery when wet.

If you still want to preserve the continuity of the same stone but take no chances with the slipperiness issue, you have to go with a different type of finish, namely saw-cut and unfilled.

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Ciao and good luck,

Maurizio Bertoli

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