## THE COLORS <br> \& TEXTURES of Ludowici



THE ART \& SCIENCE OF LUDOWICI COLOR

Terra cotta by its very nature is warm, earthy and inviting. Enhancing the natural qualities of terra cotta by adding in a glaze mixture prio to firing can create spectacular colors unable to be replicated on othe roofing materials

Creating the color of a terra cotta roof tile is part science, and part art. A natural range of tones always exist within any given color. The ange of tones that arise from the manufacturing process is a normal nd very desirable feature of natural clay tile-imparting richness, character and a more dimensional appearance to the roof.

Ludowici's high temperature firing process produces vibrant colors tha do not fade, spall, effloresce, or significantly change over time. Our color glazes are kiln-fired at extreme temperatures during production, fusing the color into the tile and ensuring that the original tones and hues are retained for generations. This is why we are one of the only manufacturers to include color in our industry leading 75 -year material warranty.

At Ludowici, we pride ourselves in our long history of color mastery and being widely accepted as the industry expert in glazed terra cotta tile. With over 50 designer color blends and the ability to custom-match nearly any hue, the color possibilities are endless.

STANDARD COLOR BLENDS


IMPRESSIONIST SERIES BLENDS
The Impressionist Series utilizes two to three complementary shades applied randomly over a base color to create the patina of a century-old roof. Standar blends can be selected, or custom blends can be created using different percent ages of Impressionist Series colors. Impressionist Series colors are available on all barrel, interlocking, and shingle tiles, excluding French



## CUSTOM COLOR DEVELOPMENT

urexpert ceramic engineers have developed an impressiv aratard design colors over the years, and even more impressive, hundreds of custom colors to meet the needs of design professionals around the world. They work hand in hand wit architects, designers and homeowners to not only create beautiful and designs, mixing hues to create a subtle, or dramatic, one-of-a-kind roof statement.
Mixing a custom glaze color is not like mixing a paint color-there are different techniques and skill sets that must be applied. Our ceramic engineers build off of basic formula. Then they must mix, adjust and fire multinle trins to test each outcome Those fired colors (glazes) are analyzed adjusted, and mixed time and time again until the desired color is developed

In addition to our standard texture offerings, our ceramic engineers can work with you to create a custom surface texture suitable for your tile. When factoring in texture, be sure to note the surface of your tile can affect the final color. Whethe you are trying to match a historic tile, want to combine a number of standard tex tures or create your own surface texture, Ludowici craftsmen will work with yo to make your design vision a reality.

Ludowiei also offers several wood shake alternatives in a variety of surface textures mirroring the appearance of real wood shakes with pressed grooves, scratching, and rugged butts. LudoShake, part of our lightweight product offering, is perfect for renovations. For an authentic appearance, we recommend these color blends:


EARTH GRAY


##  EBONY MIST



WESTERN CEDAR


SLATE COLOR BLENDS
Ludowici offers terra cotta slate alternative products featuring the chiseled edges of quarried slate and pronounced texture allowing for a robust slate look. LudoSlate is offered as our lightweight terra cotta slate alternative option. We recommend the above slate color blends for an authentic appearance.

white cedar


## COLOR PROCESS

As our color is fired in and chemically bonded with the tile substrate, Ludowici terra cotta roof tiles will not lose their original color intensity under normal environmental conditions. And unlike some hard roofing products, the surface of our tiles will never become marred by iles may become weathered or experience deposits that can slightly alter color over time. Matte filyishos are wore susceptible than those with high-gloss.
Working with a natural material like terra cotta, it is impossible to produce a monochromatic tile. In most cases, the color is applied by spraying the surface of a wet tile with glaze-a mixture of glass frit, silicas, and pigments-prior to firing. At kiln temperatures over 2000 defor specific details and limitations.
Some colors are made from a two-step process involving a base coat and overspray. These colors will naturally display a broader range in tones as the overspray varies in its coverage over the base coat. A broader range will also be produced in colors utilizing high iron content.
The amount of variation between tones for a selected color is a result of any of the following production factors including: temperature variations in the kiln; position of each tile in the kiln; spray patterns and resulting coverage; and subtle natural differences in clay, pigment and frit composition.
 heir use many years ago. Clay tile roofs found on historic buildings often used leaded glazes, and matching those colors using today's non-leaded glazes is virtually impossible, as the tile color is profoundly impacted by glaze chemistry. While exact color match is not possi-

## BLENDING COLORS

Color blending, wherein several different colors of terra cotta roof tile are mixed on a roof (such as red, brown, and gold), provides an oppor tunity to create a subtle or dramatic, one-of-a-kind design statement. The installer should take great care to ensure the color range is prop-
erly blended to the standard of the architect, designer, or homeowner. When working with blends pay careful attention to fittings. They can be produced entirely in one color or reflect the percentages of colors in the blend. As with all shipments of Ludowici tile, contractors must take care when loading the roof with a blend of colors so mix and percentages of color are uniformly maintained. Ludowici tiles do not come pre-blended.
Ludowici technical service specialists can assist on estimating the amounts of tile needed from design renderings. In addition, we can provid . In addition, Ludowici design specialists highly recommend constructing a test patch of no less than (50) tiles as a final check prior to ordering.

## COLOR GROUP DESCRIPTIONS

CLAY RED The natural color shade range of the clay body which is inherent in the clay and firing process.
MATTE \& Matte colors are glaze colors with a low sheen, non-gloss matte appearance when compared to gloss glazes,Matte colors "re glaze colors with a low sheen, non-gloss matte appearance when compared to gloss glazes.
"Tow-spray", "Iist", and "Spot" "escribe the specific process sed to achieve a distinctive look. The process
of using (2) standard Ludowici colors in conjunction on a single tile is called a two-spray application. For a(MIST OR SPOT) two-spray, a standard color is used as the base color and a standard color is used as a top spray that goes over the tile in either a mist or a spot application. By default the two-spray color is to be supplied in "Full Range
$(\mathrm{L}>H)$ ") by applying "Light ( L )" "Medium (M)", and "Heavy (H)" amounts of top color The full range of a color allows a range in the amount of base color tone that is allowed to show through. The range can be re stricted to only allow for Light to Medium ( $L>M$ ) or Medium to Heavy ( $M>H$ ) supplying a lighter or darker end of that color's spectrun.


Our Impressionist ${ }^{\text {tm }}$ Series colors use a unique process of creating a blend of colors by simultaneously applying several complementary matte e glaze colors. This process uses a random myriad of variables,
giving the finished product a rich distinctive appearance. Impressionistw ${ }^{\text {Th }}$ Series blends are only available on a limited number of tiles: Spanish, Mission, Morando and Shingle. The matching trim package can be supplied for use with these patterns.

| GLOSS | Glaze colors with a high sheen gloss appearance when compared to Matte glazes. |
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| CUSTOM | Outside of our over 50 standard color glaze options, we have the ability to custom match any color. From | Outside of our over 50 standard color glaze options, we have the ability to custom match any color. From

gleaming glosses, to our patented multi-spray glazing techniques, to hand-crafted finish textures, Ludowici the expert in develop the perfect color combination for your project.






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TERRA COTTA TEXTURES

At Ludowici our skilled craftsmen can recreate a number of finishes that authentically replicate the surface of age-old tiles. Custom textures can
be applied to match historic applications or to be applied to match historic applications or to
meet your specific design aesthetic. For example, meet your specific design aesthetic. For example,
if you desire the worn, aged look of a years' old if you desire the worn, aged look of a years old
wooden roof, our skilled craftsmen can replicate an authentic aged appearance without the wait. Textures reduce glare reflecting off the tile and allow the true color to show through. Many tile textures are applied by hand, allowing each tile to have a unique, handmade look and added depth.


BATTERED \& BRUSHED BUTT


HAND ROUGHED



HAND SLUSHED


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