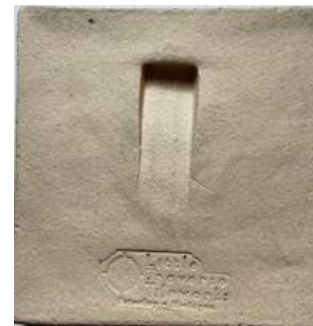


Little Traverse Tileworks of Harbor Springs, MI specializes in handmade and custom-made stoneware tiles, suitable for indoor or outdoor applications. Founded in 2010, they got their start in a pottery that has 30 years of experience in creative clay and production. Their mission is to provide superior quality ceramic tiles to the retail industry using classic methods and molds that have been hand-carved or cast from their own original designs. Clay is developed in the Midwest.

They begin with a design, either hand carved in plaster or sculpted in clay. Once they have a mold, they hand press the tiles into these molds and finish the back. Tiles are air dried then fired twice before they make it to the customer (a process that takes about 4-6 weeks). Since tiles are individually handmade, minor variations in size, color and texture may occur in the tiles. This is the nature of handmade tiles.

Little Traverse Tiles also works with private buyers for custom tiles. The Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society now offers one of these Limited-Edition custom tiles, a 4"x4" deep blue glazed tile (finished size 3³/₄"x3³/₄") of Orchard Lake and Apple Island. The tiles are in "relief" and accurately depict the water depth of Orchard Lake. They are designed to be hung or framed or for installation with 1/8" to 1/4" grout lines. Tiles, with a gift box, are available at the Orchard Lake Museum and at Orchard Lake City Hall for \$25.



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