

# NORTHERN ROOF TILES

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### FRENCH SHINGLE TILE COLLECTION



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# Welcome to: Northern Roof Tiles French Shingle Tile Collection

Just in case you are wondering ‘who in the world is Northern Roof Tiles?’ please let me explain who we are and what we do and why might you be in the slightest bit interested.

**WHO WE ARE**

Northern is a family owned importer of clay roofing tiles primarily from Europe.

I founded the business in 1991, so this year we will celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which makes Northern Roof Tiles one of the oldest established importers of clay roof tiles in North America.

**WHAT WE DO**

One of my founding tenets was to offer our clients the widest possible choice of profile, shape, size, colors and texture of clay tiles, which has required us to deal with many different tile makers.

We set out to make specifying and purchasing our tiles as simple and enjoyable as possible. We provide suggested installation specifications and detailing, we can undertake material take offs and detail estimates and we work with the best installers all over the continent.

And before you ask, all our tiles are independently tested against the ASTM criteria and are suitable for installation in all areas.

**WHY YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED?**

If you have never considered using clay roof tiles because of assumed cost, the compatibility with the style of homes, building your design or build, or the suitability for use in your environment?

If you had assumed all clay roof tiles were red, Mediterranean in profile and only suitable for use in the Sunbelt.

Please give us a call and the opportunity to answer your questions and concerns. Because clay roof tiles are NOT all red, and are compatible with most architectural styles and can be installed in even the harshest environments.

But before contacting us, we should warn you that we are passionate, some have said obsessive, about clay tile roofs.

I hope you enjoy the information in our French Shingle Tile Collection as well as our other Collections, all of which can be found on our web page [www.northernrooftiles.com](http://www.northernrooftiles.com) or via the link.

Hope to hear from you soon and stay safe

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# Introduction to Varying Lengths

France has a history of making clay shingle style tiles which dates back at least 1000 years.

Because tiles were made locally, and up until the mid-1800's, in small plants, the tiles tended to vary in size, thickness and, of course, color. The tile makers used local clay which varied in each of the regions.

With the passage of time the roofs of the 17th, 18th and 19th century have mellowed, become weather stained and taken on a distinctive patina.

Many tile makers today find it exceedingly difficult to replicate 'aged patina'

with any authenticity.

*I remember hearing a leading expert comment when seeing a modern effort to replicate 'aged patina'.*

*He said, 'it looks exactly like someone who has never seen a real aged patinaed roof thinks an aged patinaed roof looks like.' or as I have been known to say 'on a dark night with a bag over your head it looks exactly like the real thing.'*

The blends shown in this collection reflect French tile maker Edilians' commitment to listening to their customers. Providing the market with what they really want and at an extremely

competitive price point.

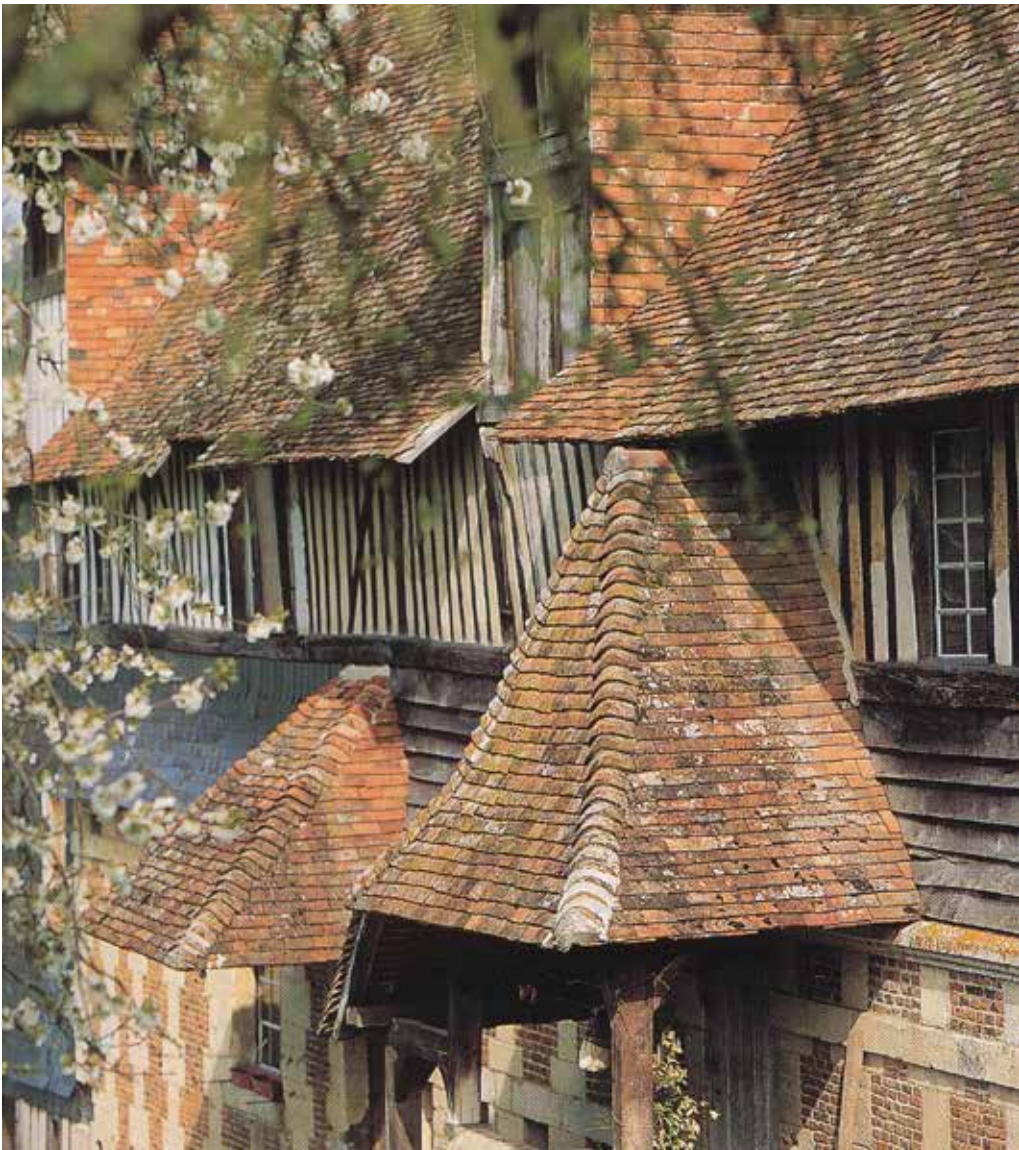
Architects and roofers had told Edilians they needed tiles for the repair, additions and re-roofs of existing older buildings as well as roofs for new homes that are being built in the style of yesteryear.

They were adamant they did not want tiles that looked like the original ones when they were new.

No, they want tiles that look like those tiles look like today, weather stained with a dull, non-reflective finish.

As Edilians has tile plants in many regions of France they instructed their local managers to go and take a really good look at the old tile roofs in the countryside in their area, then work out how they could replicate them. The blends featured in our French Shingle Tile Collection are the result of their many attempts over months and years to truly replicate the older roofs.

When the original tiles were made, back in the 17th, 18th and 19th century, production methods were not as exacting as today and individual tiles could vary in length up to 1/2". This variation in lengths resulted in the butt line (bottom edge) of each row not being 'arrow straight'. The engineers decided to deliberately make the tiles for these special blends in



varying unequal lengths. Another example of Edilians care and attention to detail.

Each of the 5 blends we are featuring have been created, made, fired and then packed ready for immediate installation, so no time-consuming blending on site, just open up the pallet and hang them straight on to the battens.

By combining the varying lengths



with the range of shades and finishes within the blend and then not laying the tiles too tightly together, and your brand-new roof will soon result in people inquiring,

*'So where did you get all these old tiles from?'*

Only you will know they are brand new and covered by one of the world's largest tile maker's comprehensive warranty.

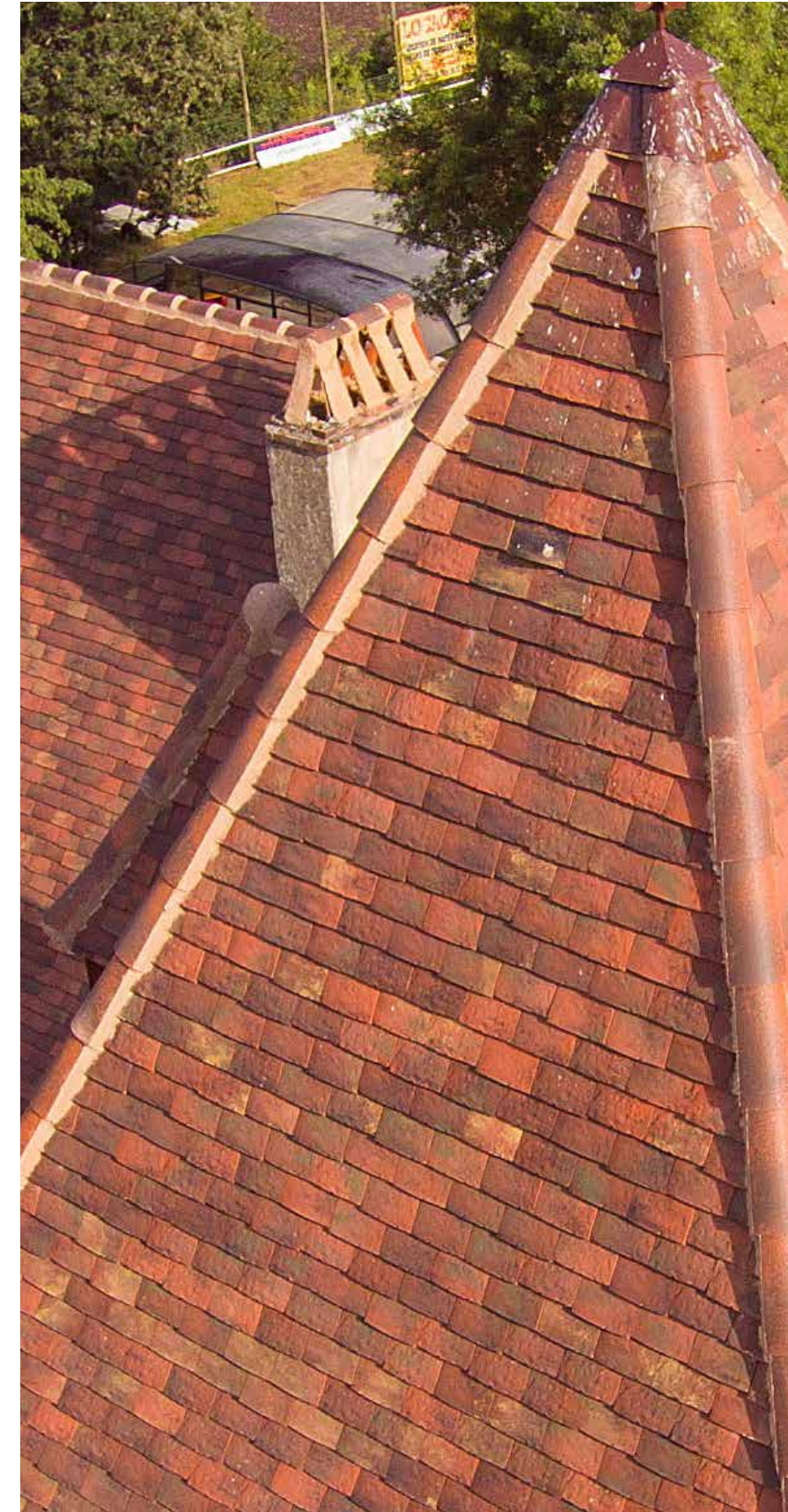


# UNEQUAL LENGTHS OPTION #1

## 20x30 Huguenot in the Gabarre Blend *from the plant in St Germer de Fly.*

The tile makers of Edilians brought all their skills together when they created the Gabarre Blend.

- The tiles are of varying lengths.
- The color range of the tiles vary in shading from medium to dark.
- The aging effect (engobe) is applied randomly.
- The surface texture on each tile varies.
- Install right from the pallet, no time consuming blending on sight
- Gabarre Blend Code 143
- 375 per sq ft.





# ***UNEQUAL LENGHTS OPTION #1 CONTINUED 20X30***

## ***Huguenot in the Gabarre Blend from the plant in St Germer de Fly.***



No two Gabarre tiles are alike, and the finished roof is a true representation of what a roof that has mellowed and aged in the French countryside over the past 100 years, looks like.

And Edilians has added double anti-capillary channels to the tile to reduce the possibility of wind driven rain from wicking between the courses of tile.

*Oh and did I mention the 20x30 Huguenot Gabarre Blend tiles is the least expensive unequal length tiles Northern offers?*





# UNEQUAL LENGTHS OPTION #2 16X26

## Elixir in Sepia Blend *from the plant in Grossouvre.*



How would you best describe the Sepia Blend? It is a medium to light mix of reds, brown and buffs. The tiles are of unequal lengths, the bottom edges are pitted and grooved and the surface of some of the tiles look scuffed and scratched.

Why? Because that is what the old roofs in this area of central France look like after 100 years. This is not a contrived color blend, it's an authentic representation and in a word.....magnificent.

- Sepia Blend Code #157
- 560 pieces per sq
- 15 lbs per sq ft





# ***UNEQUAL LENGTHS OPTION #3 16X27 Monument Historique in the Rustic Fonce from the plant at Grossouvre***



Rustic Fonce is Grossouvre's lighter blend. The base clay starts as a brighter red before the application of the weather stained engobe and texture to the surface.

- Colour Code #088
- 560 pieces per sq
- 19 lbs per sq ft weight

*I would describe Rustic Nuage as an aged mid red blend and the Rustic Fonce as a darker red blend.*



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**OPTION #4 16X27**  
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# UNEQUAL LENGTHS OPTION #5 16X27

## Monument Historique in the Terre d'allier Blend *for the plant at Doyet.*

Starting with a light orange red base clay, the Terre d'Allier Blend has a variety of colored engobes and surface finishes added to re-create the old farmhouse roofs seen around the hamlet of Doyet in Central France.

No two tiles are perfectly the same and best of all, Terre d'Allier comes ready blended for immediate installation.

- Color Code #014
- 560 pieces per sq
- 18 lbs. per sq ft weight





# INTRODUCING EQUAL LENGTH SHINGLE TILES

## *from Edilians France*

In the previous section we introduced you to our range of 'unequal length' shingle tiles from France which will give you a more rustic countryside 'old world' look.

But in this section we would like to show you our equal or constant length tiles which will provide a more uniform appearance.

These three options are made at the St Germer de Fly plant just like the Gabarre Blend.

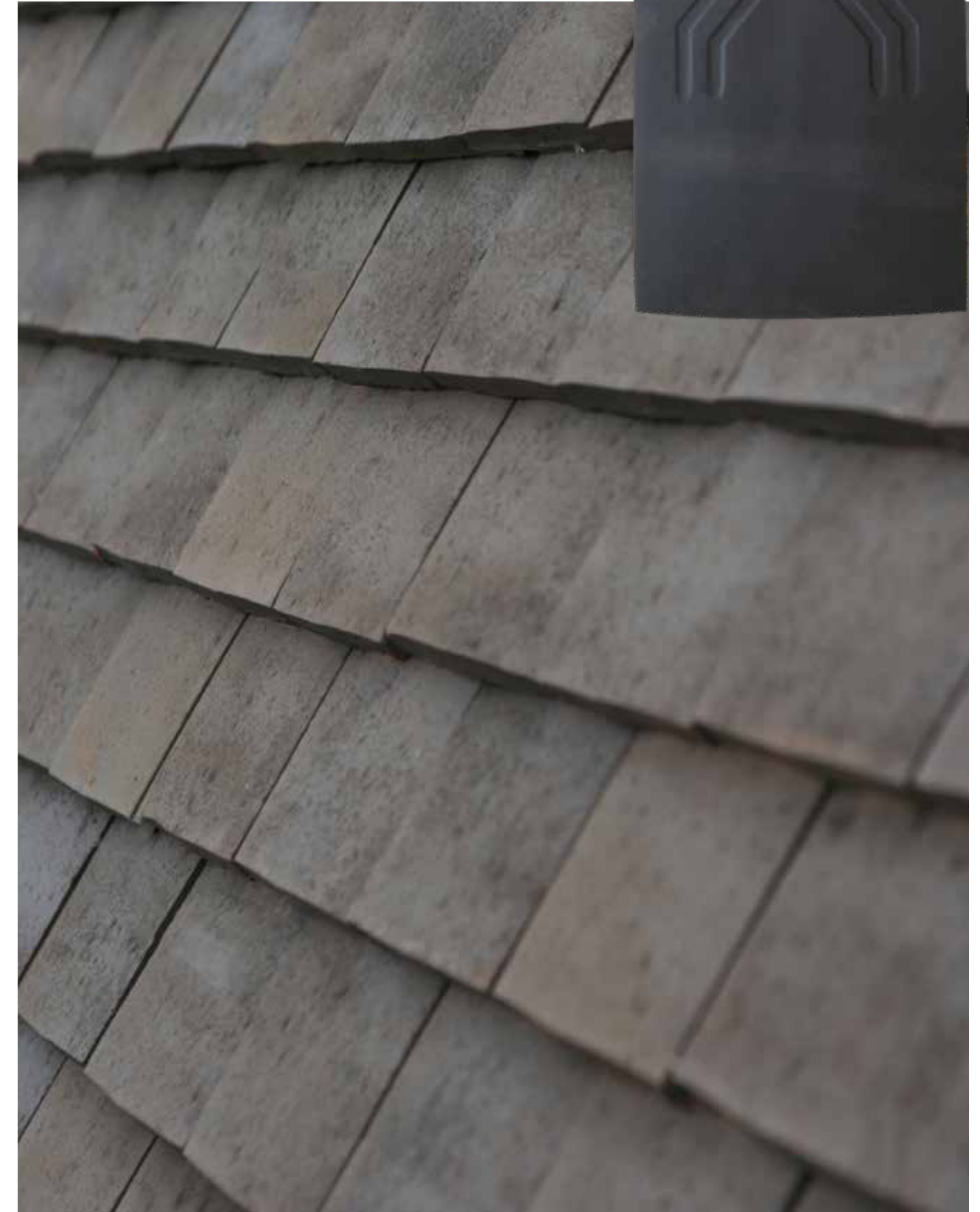
You will, I am sure, notice they are not just flat and square edges. Each tile has a slight camber in the width, which adds greatly to the definition and shadows on the roof.

Also, Edilians has added double water channels to further reduce the possibility of wind drive rain from wicking between the courses of tiles.

The 20x30 Huguenot tiles not only are available in attractive blends but:

- The larger format 12" long x 7 3/4" wide means only 375 pieces per sq.
- The installed weight is only 13 lbs. per sq ft.
- They can be installed 'DIRECT TO THE DECK' just like slate.
- They are available with all the fittings and accessories you will need.
- Because Edilians is one of Europe's largest clay tile makers (annual production around 400m tiles pa) tiles are usually available from stock.
- And most importantly the PRICE.... For a Grade 1 clay shingle tile that is, NOT just flat, square edges, smooth and red.... 20x30 Huguenot shingle tiles from Northern are extremely competitively priced.

For more details please call us at (888) 678-6866





***EQUAL LENTHS OPTION #1 20X30 Huguenot in Ardoise  
(Dark Gray) from the St Germer de Fly plant.***



The color Ardoise is best described as a solid dark gray. The tile makers tint the clay body so it's a darker muddy brown and then the Ardoise engobe is applied BEFORE firing so that the color becomes an integral part of the finished tile.

As with the following Vieilli and Flamme Rustic Colors, the 20x30 Huguenot tiles all have a slight camber in their width, which adds to the shadows on the roof.

You will also see that each tile has double water channels to reduce the possibility of wind driven rain from wicking between the courses of tiles. Very High Tech!

- Colour Code #011
- 375 per sq
- 13 lbs sq ft weight





## ***EQUAL LENGTH OPTION # 2. 20X30 Huguenot in Vieilli Blend (Weathered Brown) from the plant in St Germer de Fly***



Vieilli, roughly translated, means dated or aged. The Vieilli Blend certainly looks like what started out as a mid to dark brown roof looks like after 75 to 100 years of weathering.

The tile makers in St Germer have added a slightly textured finish which will help to accelerate the aging even more.

- Color Code 109
- 375 pieces per
- 13 lb sq ft weight

*I suppose the look of a Vieilli Blend roof could be described as 'dirty old brownie gray'*





***EQUAL LENGTHS OPTION #3 20X30***  
**Huguenot in Flamme Rustic (Weathered Red)**  
*from the plant in St Germer de Fly*



Flamme Rustic is the French description for a roof that started its life as natural red and is now weathered and a bit dirty.

The weathering on each tile is not equal or consistent, giving a more natural look to the finished installation.

- Color Code #034
- 375 pieces per sq
- 13 lbs per sq ft weight



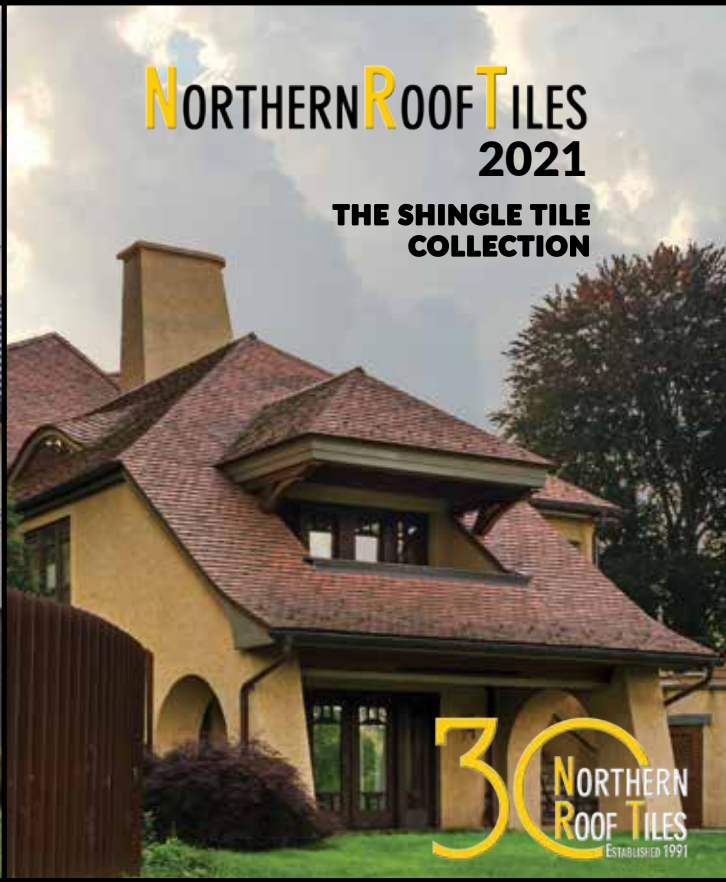
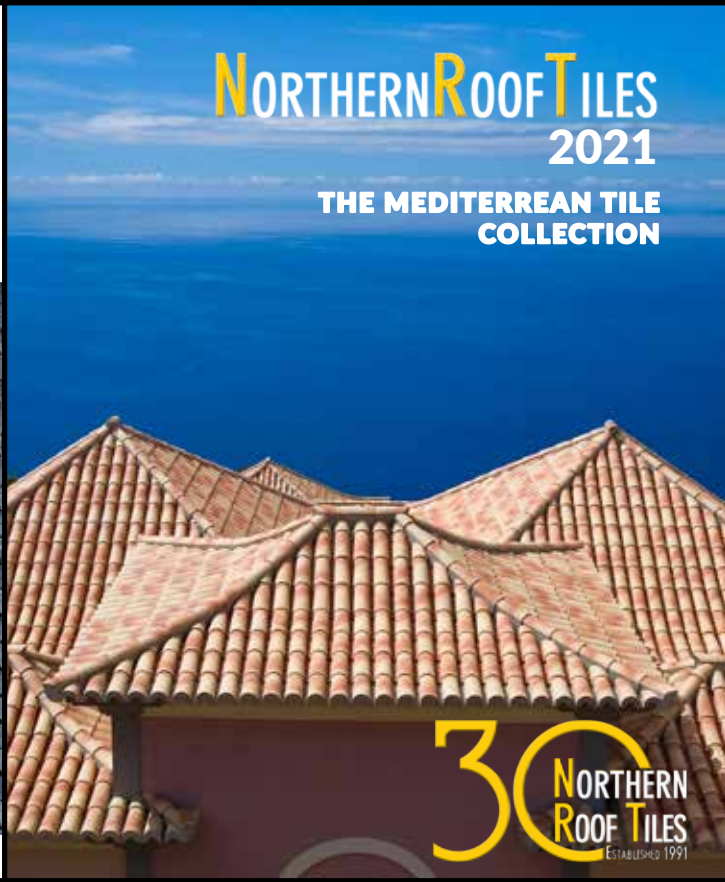
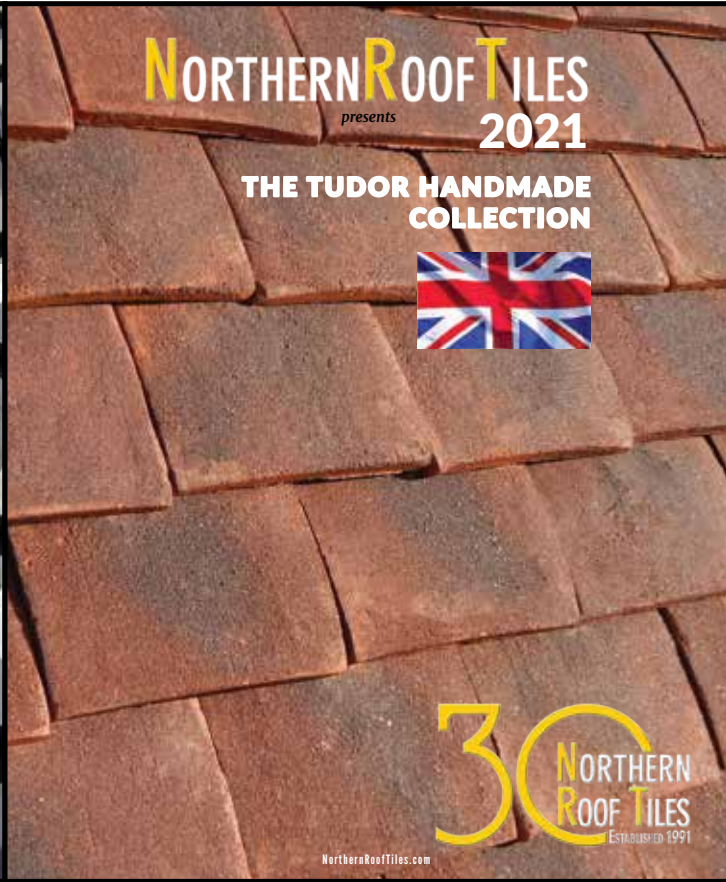


# 16X38 BEAVERTAIL PROFILE in Patina Fonce *from the plant at Doyet.*

- Color Code # 152
- 355 pieces per sq
- Weight 1510 lbs









*Just in case you may be asking yourself,  
who in the world is Northern Roof Tiles?*

# WE ARE

- family owned and operated since 1991
- distributors of the finest clay roofing tiles...and more

# AND WE

- specialize in sourcing and importing the finest clay tiles and bricks, especially from Europe.
- can provide guidance and suggestions on period / regional detailing if required.
- do material take off, quantities and estimates.
- provide samples and, when necessary, site displays
- provide a very personalized service to each and every one of our clients
- commission one off or have made out of production items. Call us to discuss exactly what you are looking for.

# AND BEFORE YOU ASK

- we have the experience and knowledge to serve the Architectural and Design Community.
- All our tiles, bricks, pavers, etc. are independently tested in the USA and are suitable for installation anywhere in North America.

For more information please check out our web page  
[www.northernrooftiles.com](http://www.northernrooftiles.com) or call us (888) 678-6866.



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