

EcoStar Niagara Slate Starter Row Installation

Majestic Slate Traditional, Empire Slate Traditional, Majestic Niagara or Empire Niagara tiles can all be used as starter row tiles for a Niagara Slate roof assembly. EcoStar offers the following options:

Option 1: Substitute EcoStar's Traditional 12" or 10" Slate for the Starter Row in place of the Niagara Slate

- Use Majestic Slate 12" or 10" Traditional tiles for starter with Majestic Niagara Slate.
- Use Empire Slate 12" or 10" Traditional tiles for starter with Empire Niagara Slate.
- For a 12" or 10" Niagara Slate installation, install the Traditional tiles of the same width along the eaves, 3/8" gap between each starter row tile.
- For a 14" or Random-Width Blend (10", 12" and 14") Niagara Slate installation, install the Traditional tiles along the eaves as the first row of Niagara tiles is being installed. Cut the Traditional tiles when necessary to maintain at least a 3" offset of the gaps of the first row of Niagara tiles.
- If desired, the Traditional tiles can be installed with the slate detail facing down (upside down) to create a more realistic slate look at the eaves.

Option 2: Niagara Slate Used for the Starter Row

- Use the same tiles that will be used to complete the roof for the starter row.
- Cut 8" off of the top of each starter row tile before installation.
- Install the starter row tiles along the eaves, maintaining a minimum 3/8" gap between each tile.
- Install the first exposed row tiles offset to cover the gaps of the starter row.
- Failure to cut 8" off of the top of each starter row tile before installation will cause the bottom of the third row of tiles to appear slightly lifted.



Please contact EcoStar's Technical Department with any questions.