

HOW TO: INSTALL A GLASS TILE BACKSPLASH

Kitchen upgrades can add significant value to your home. Tiling the backsplash can make a dramatic impact without breaking the bank!



Project Overview:

Level: **Moderate**

Estimated Time: **Couple of Days**

Estimated Cost: **\$250 - \$500**

Tools and Materials:

Painter's Tape

Glass Tiles

Tile Adhesive

Tape Measure

3/16" V-notched Trowel

Wet Saw

Safety Glasses



Instructions:

- Turn off power to receptacles that will be located in side the perimeter of the tile backsplash.
- Clean and sand the wall.
- Determine the layout of the tiles by dry fitting them onto the counter. Try to avoid making lots of cuts and having small slivers of tile at the edges.
- Cut tiles as needed with a wet saw and tape measure.
- Apply painter's tape along the edges to protect the counters and counter top while you work.
- Use a 3/16" V-notched trowel to spread the white tile mastic, or adhesive, on the wall.
- Hold the trowel at a 45-degree angle and use the notched edge to create ridges in the adhesive.
- Then go over the entire area with the flat edge of the trowel to make a smooth surface.
- It is important to create the ridges first because even though they get knocked down, they still create air pockets which help the tile adhere to the wall.
- Set the tile sheets on to the wall according to the layout. If a tile falls off of the sheet simply press them into the adhsvie.
- Apply firm and even pressure to each tile.
- Allow the adhesive to cure.
- Add grout according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If you are leaving the tile job to take a break or cut more tiles, scrape off any excess mastic from the wall so that it doesn't harden without tiles.

Helpful Hints:

In love with a bold, colorful tile set? Mix and match it with a more subtle one to tone it down while also creating interest!