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A Back Splash Adds A Nice Touch To A Kitchen

What To Consider When Adding A Back Splash

There are lots of decisions to make when remodeling your kitchen. It is not always a simple process. All of the elements that you choose need to work together. One functional and decorative element of the kitchen is the backsplash. A backsplash is a special wall covering (tile, stone, granite, metal) that is placed on the wall behind your countertop in between your upper and lower cabinets. This article touches on a few things to consider when choosing a backsplash that works in your kitchen.

Color

The color of the backsplash is important in your overall kitchen color scheme. The backsplash will need to integrate with the colors of your countertops, cabinets, walls, flooring and general decor. A neutral or cohesive color palette will cause your backsplash to blend in with its surroundings.

Or you can use the color of your backsplash to create a sharp contrast with the rest of the kitchen

and make it stand out. Use of handpainted designs are available which will draw special attention to your backsplash.



Material and Texture

The material that you choose for your backsplash is nearly as important as the color. The style of your kitchen may be a factor in choosing what type of material to use. For example, a brick or stone tile backsplash may work better in a rustic style kitchen. In a modern or contemporary style kitchen, a glazed or metal tile may look better. Tile and stone come in a variety of textures depending on what type of material your backsplash you select. You will want to choose a material and texture

that work with your style of kitchen.

Height

Most homeowners assume the maximum height of a backsplash is going to be the bottom of the upper cabinets. To create a more dramatic effect, homeowners may choose to take the backsplash much higher on a wall where there are no cabinets. The backsplash could travel up the entire wall behind a sink or stove. If you choose to do this, your backsplash will immediately become a focal point for the whole kitchen!



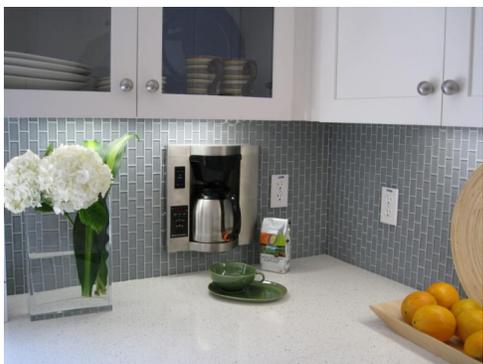
Patterns & Shape

Backsplash materials are offered in all different shapes, sizes and colors. Due to this endless variation of options, you can mix and match these shapes and colors to create a visually appealing pattern. For example, using a mixture of common 3" x 6" subway tile or a 4" x 4" square tile, patterns can easily be created (straight, diagonal, running bond, brick, checkerboard, herringbone).

You will find there are specialty tile shapes available that you can use to create unique interesting designs. Your designer or tile provider can present you with a variety of ideas and advise on the best pattern to reflect the style of backsplash you are looking for.

Integration With Your Countertops

Your backsplash is going to come right down the wall and essentially sit on top of your countertop. It is important that the countertops and the backsplash complement each other. You will not want the patterns to clash where the countertop and backsplash meet. If your countertop has an active pattern, your backsplash should be more neutral. The opposite is also true: combine an active backsplash with a neutral countertop.



Budget

The cost of the backsplash material is another item to consider when making your selection. For a cost-effective backsplash, it might be best to select a standard size tile installed in a straight pattern. For an increase in price, standard tile backsplashes can then be enhanced with contrasting tile borders or strategically placed decorative tiles. Specialty materials or install patterns will add to the overall cost of the

backsplash. Your designer or tile provider is experienced at providing attractive and affordable solutions to meet any backsplash budget.



Want Some Advice?

A backsplash is a nice touch to consider when remodeling your kitchen. An attractive backsplash will add interest and beauty to your kitchen. Be sure to take the time to carefully choose your options. Mike and Chris at Custom Built Design & Remodeling are ready to help with all of your kitchen remodeling needs. We are experienced, easy to work with and guarantee what we do. Give us a call at (517) 881-9871 or send an email to info@callcustombuilt.com to set up a consultation.

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