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HOW TO CHOOSE A KITCHEN BACKSPLASH

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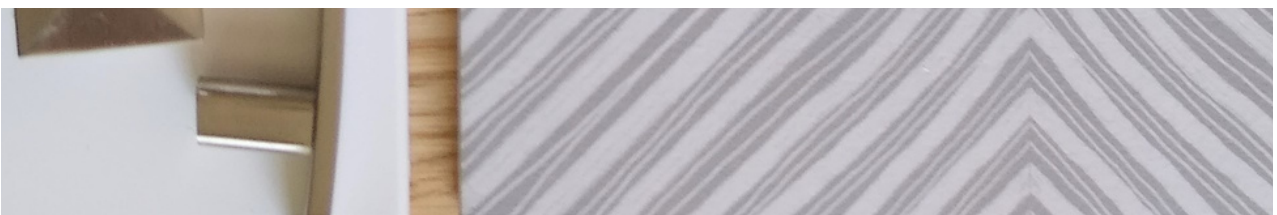


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WHAT TO CONSIDER

Backsplash tiles is a key design element that can tie the overall look of your kitchen!



What to consider

- 1 Consider the Overall Style of Your Kitchen:**
Take into account the style of your kitchen. Is it modern, traditional, farmhouse, or eclectic? Your backsplash should complement the overall theme of the space.
- 2 Coordinate with Countertops and Cabinets:**
Look at the color and material of your countertops and cabinets. The backsplash should harmonize with these elements. You can either choose a complementary color or a contrasting one, depending on your design preferences.
- 3 Think About Maintenance:**
Consider the maintenance requirements of different tile materials. Some tiles may be easier to clean and maintain than others. For example, glass and ceramic tiles are generally easy to clean, while natural stone may require more care.
- 4 Choose the Right Material:**
Backsplash tiles come in various materials such as ceramic, porcelain, glass, stone, and metal. Each material has its own unique characteristics. For example, ceramic and porcelain tiles are durable and easy to clean, while natural stone tiles provide a more rustic and textured look.
- 5 Experiment with Color and Patterns:**
Backsplash tiles are an opportunity to introduce color and pattern into your kitchen. You can choose a single color for a classic look or mix and match tiles to create patterns. Just be mindful of not overwhelming the space with too many colors or patterns.
- 6 Consider the Size of the Tiles:**
The size of the tiles can also impact the overall look of your kitchen. Larger tiles can create a sleek and modern appearance, while smaller tiles can add texture and visual interest. Consider the scale of your kitchen when choosing tile size.
- 7 Budget Considerations:**
Determine your budget for the backsplash project. Tiles come in a wide price range, so it's important to find an option that fits within your budget while still meeting your design preferences.

Test samples in your kitchen

Before making a final decision, get samples of your chosen tiles and see how they look in your kitchen. Consider factors like lighting and how the tile complements other elements in the space.

Choosing between plain tiles and tiles with a pattern for your backsplash depends on your personal style, the overall design aesthetic of your kitchen, and the visual impact you want to achieve. Both plain and patterned tiles have their advantages, and the decision often comes down to the specific look and feel you desire.



PLAIN TILES VS

- **Timeless Elegance:** Plain tiles, especially in neutral colors, tend to have a timeless and classic appeal. They can create a clean and understated look that complements various kitchen styles.
- **Versatility:** Plain tiles are versatile and can easily blend with different design elements in your kitchen, including countertop materials, cabinets, and flooring. This versatility allows for more flexibility in updating other design elements in the future.
- **Easy to Coordinate:** If you prefer to experiment with bold colors or patterns in other aspects of your kitchen, plain tiles provide a neutral backdrop, making it easier to coordinate with other elements without overwhelming the space.

PATTERNED TILES

- **Visual Interest:** Patterned tiles add visual interest and can serve as a focal point in the kitchen. They break up the monotony of a solid color and contribute to a more dynamic and engaging overall design.
- **Personalization:** Patterned tiles allow you to personalize your kitchen space and express your unique style. Whether you prefer geometric patterns, floral designs, or a more eclectic mix, patterned tiles provide a wide range of options to suit your taste.
- **Creating a Statement Wall:** Using patterned tiles on the backsplash can turn it into a statement wall, making it a standout feature in the kitchen. This can be an effective way to draw attention to the cooking area or a specific section of the kitchen.



PLAN YOUR TILE LAYOUT

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Plan around this

- **Windows:** Quite often kitchen windows are placed near the sink, so this area is important. The final outcome depends on how well you plan around these 2 areas.
- **Range hood:** Another important place to consider is the area behind the range hood, not only does the back splash acts as protection, but it is often quite a large area and therefore important to center your design around this focal point
- **Electrical outlets** are another important place to consider - several outlets might be along your counter top and you might even have one or two light switches which needs to be taken into account. This decisions needs be made fairly early on in renovation or new construction as the electrician will be doing the wiring at the framing stage
- **Shelves** - quite often kitchens have open shelving and the height and extent of these also needs to be taken into account

Elevations and 3D renders are great tools

Seeing that backsplash tiles are on vertical surfaces (the walls) it is important to make sure that the tile placement work with other elements which are on the wall such as windows, range hoods, shelving and electrical outlets.

HOW 3D RENDERS CAN HELP

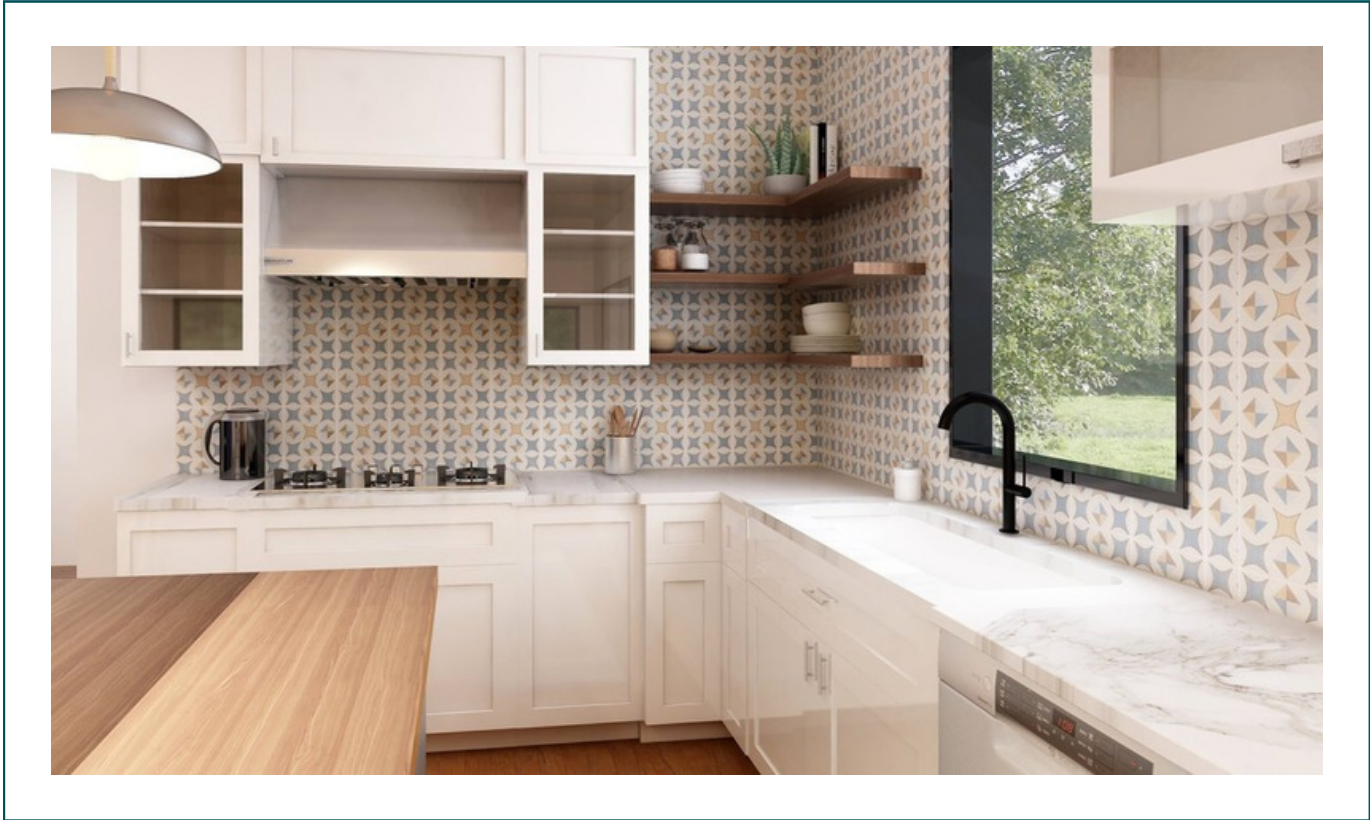
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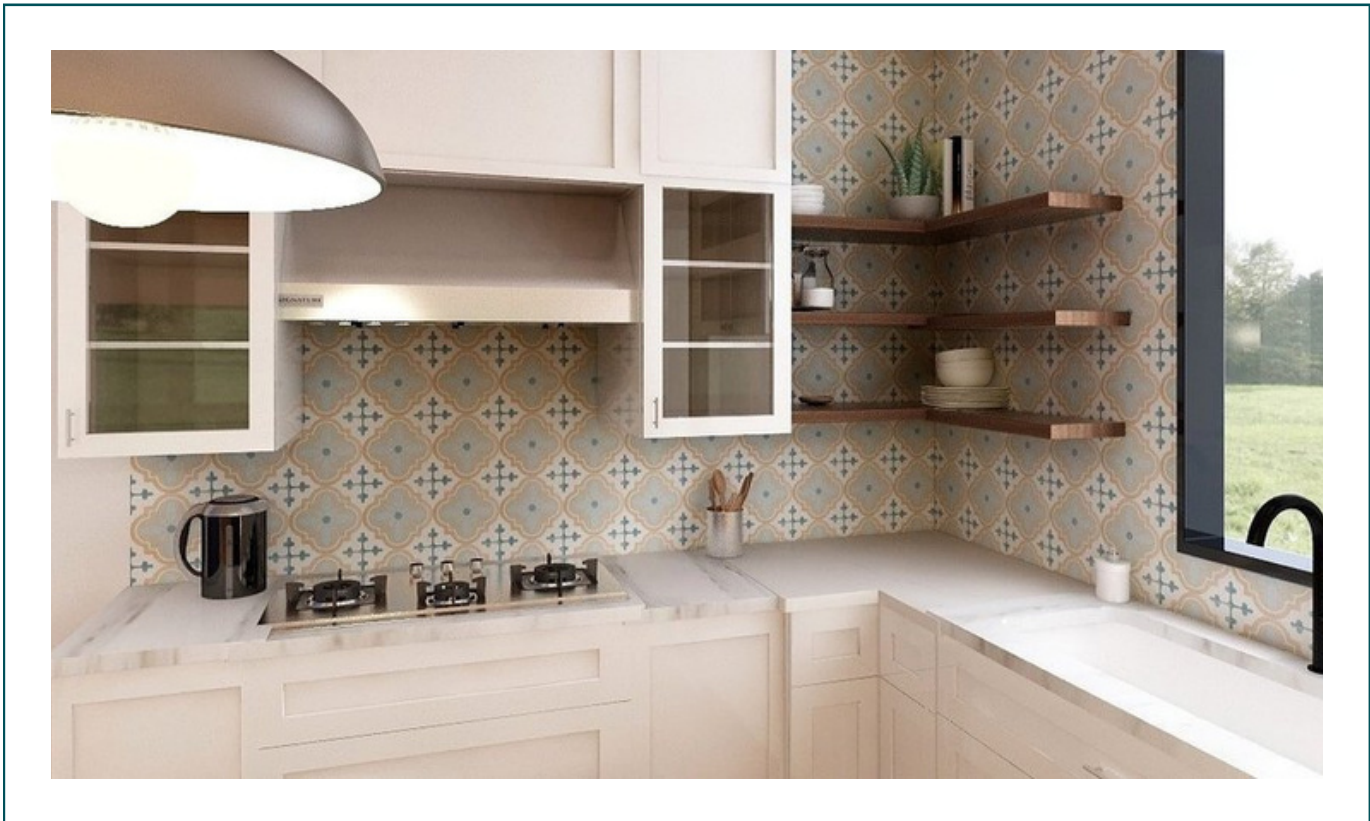
How 3D renders can help

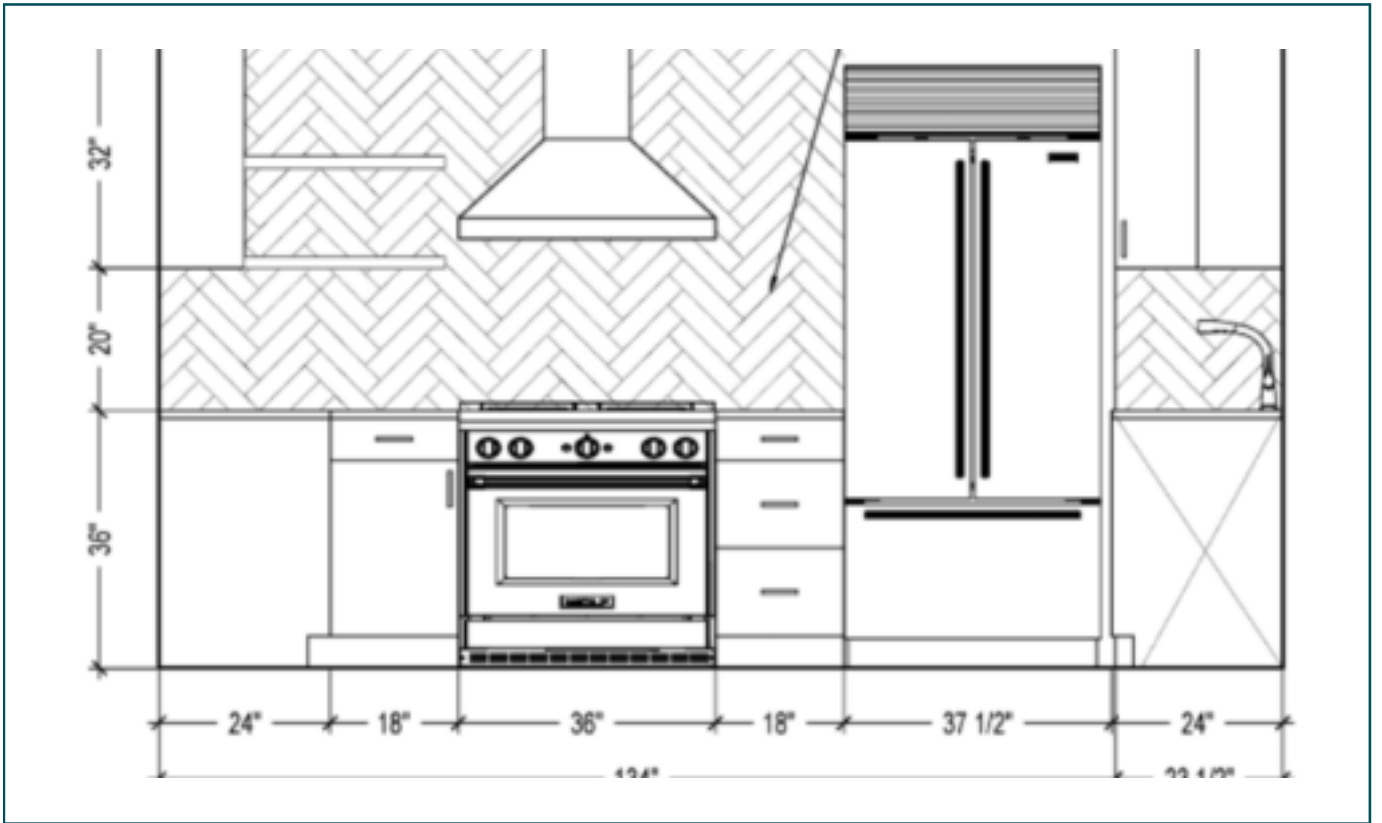
With modern software designers are now able to create images that closely resemble the intended final result like the exact colour, texture and patterns of different design elements.

- 3D renderings allow the client to 'see' the design in advance to help visualise the space.
- Backsplash tile often dictates the entire kitchen design direction, so the colour, shape and material is so important
- Often other decisions are based on the backsplash - perhaps the colour and style of the cabinets and the island colour
- Tile placement: Quite often the question comes up about where and how high up the wall the backsplash tiles should go? Should it just be halfway up the wall or all the way up to the ceiling?
- Size and scale also comes into play - which tile size will work best for a neat and tidy layout and create the desired feel and look of the kitchen?
- Shape of the tiles is also a big consideration - it needs to work with the larger patterns in the room such as the flooring too
- Tile direction: Some tiles can be installed vertically or horizontally and can create very different outcomes
- Backsplash tiles come in array of colours and patterns - should you choose plain tiles or inject some visual interest with a pattern
- Other fixtures: A designer will also plan tile placement to work around windows, appliances and electrical outlets

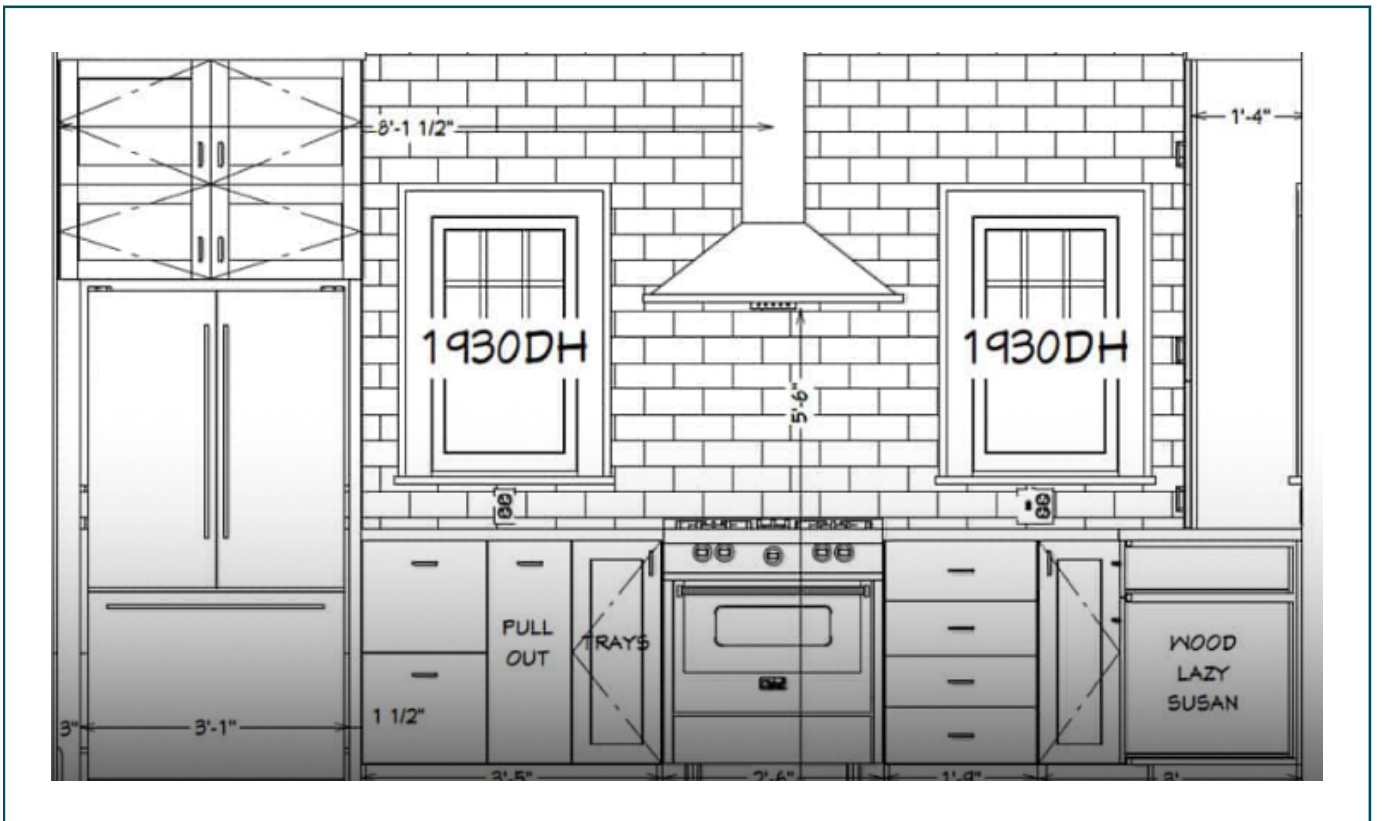


EXAMPLE 3D RENDERS





EXAMPLE TILE ELEVATION DRAWINGS





KITCHEN SERVICES

Let's get your next project underway, we offer the following packages

Kitchen selection package

or

Kitchen-in-a-box package





KITCHEN SELECTION PACKAGES



Kitchen selection package

Our Kitchen selections package is a great option for all home owners how need assistance with choosing finishes for their kitchen. This package includes:

- Cabinet style and colour selection
- Counter top selection: Marble, Granite, Quartz
- Backsplash and floor tile selection
- Cabinet hardware
- Sink and faucet selection
- Light fixture selection
- Decor items
- Paint colour selection is an optional add on product

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KITCHEN-IN-A-BOX



Kitchen-in-a-box

Let's make your selections and send real samples to your home!

Our Kitchen-in-a-box package is great for home owners who wants to have real life samples they can use in their home to get them closer to making final selections in your kitchen. Having samples makes the decision process so much easier as you can see how our curated samples interact with your existing finishes, lighting and your design style in your home. We will be sending you samples from a range of suppliers - you are free to then use the exact products or if the product is not available in your area OR you can then use your samples to visually compare with other options that are available to you. This is also a great choice if you have a different budget planned for your project.

This package include

- Wooden sample - for flooring or shelving
- Flooring and backsplash tile
- Counter top sample
- Faucet metal finish sample
- Paint samples - for walls, ceilings and trim and cabinet colour and accent island colour
- This package does not include a cabinet door example

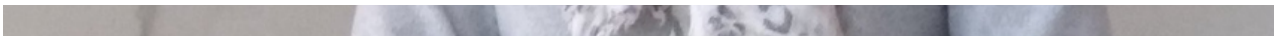
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