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Planning a Kitchen Backsplash

It is highly recommended that you have a backsplash in the kitchen of your home. The walls that run along the back of your kitchen countertops are at constant risk of damage from water, food debris, grease splatters or other items that may be pushed against them, like cutting boards and knife sets. If you're thinking of adding a backsplash to your space, here's a quick guide to help you get the best bang for your buck.



Consider the overall layout of your kitchen — The design of your backsplash will be heavily dependent upon the shape of your kitchen and where your appliances are located. Do you have an open concept kitchen? Is your kitchen a unique shape or maybe even curved? Also, remember that the backsplash doesn't have to cover the entirety of the wall.



The material you choose is very important — Ceramic and porcelain are two of the most popular materials for a backsplash, as they are the most affordable and very durable. These materials are also very easy to clean and come in a wide variety of textures and designs. Glass tiles are more expensive than ceramic and porcelain, but they are beautiful. They work well in kitchens that have a more modern design. If you have granite countertops, you may want to consider installing a granite backsplash. This will create a smooth, seamless look, but is also more expensive.



Make sure you have all the necessary supplies — If you are tackling this project yourself, there are a few essential items you'll need no matter the material or design you choose. You'll want to invest in DITRA, mortar and grout. There may be more supplies that you'll need for the installation—just make sure to do your research beforehand.



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