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BACKSPLASH INSTALLATION GUIDE

3 EASY STEPS • 4 HOURS

Estimated time v. 4 days for ceramic tile

Since backsplashes are in a damp environment, it is recommended that an M-Boss Inc. clear-coat, copper, white or specialty finished panel be used. This is to avoid watermarks that can stain “uncoated” material.

REQUIRED TOOLS: Tape measure, pencil, level, caulk gun, Liquid Nails® 601 for Projects, cotton gloves, guillotine cutter or standard tin snips, blunt chisel, and painters’ caulk (clear or silicone). **OPTIONAL TOOLS:** t-square, latex-based tile adhesive, trowel, brad gun, drill, driver bit, 1/32 drill bit (for pilot holes), authentic cone head nails (or 1” all-purpose screws), hammer.

STEP 1-SURFACE PREPARATION

Backsplash panels can be applied directly to an existing substrate that is relatively flat, free of flakes and chips, and cleaned for proper adhesion; OR, can be applied to a new surface such as 3/8” or 1/2” plywood (preferred) or drywall. It is important that the first panel be installed level and square on the wall. First hold a panel in place on the wall. Using your pencil put a small vertical hash mark on the wall. Place the panel aside and using your level, lay it against the hash mark. Now strike a vertical line on the wall. This will become your guide to assure the first panel is installed correctly.

NOTE: Templates for outlets, windows, etc. should be cut prior to beginning actual installation.

STEP 2-COAT AND INSTALL PANELS

Since backsplashes are typically installed in high-use areas, the panels are susceptible to impact. To avoid unwanted blemishes, the backside of each panel must be coated with: a thin even coat of Liquid Nails 601 for Projects (when installing over an existing substrate) OR, a latex-based tile adhesive (when installing on a new surface). Make sure the Liquid Nails and/or tile adhesive sufficiently fills the embossed crevices.

While still moist and pliable, place the first panel into position, gently pressing the panel against the wall surface, allowing the Liquid Nails or tile adhesive to ooze into all the crevices on the embossed panel. The adhesive will hold this panel in place while you repeat the procedure on a second panel. Note: the second panel will overlap the first panel by 3/8”. Once the overlapping panel is installed, use a clean, non-abrasive cloth to wipe away the excess adhesive or Liquid Nails before it hardens. Continue with the remaining panels in this same manner until the entire area is completed.



STEP 3 - CAULK SEAMS AND SEAL THE PERIMETER

To prevent moisture from getting behind the panels, a light bead of clear caulk or silicone should be laid down on the area where the panels overlap. Then, once all of the panels are installed, apply a light bead of caulk around the entire perimeter of the backsplash, being sure to wipe away any excess caulk.



Special Note for Polished Copper and Polished Brass Finish Applications

The material requires special attention when installed as a backsplash. Spray the back of the panels with clear coat acrylic to protect finish. Allow drying overnight before installation. This will protect the metal from reacting with the fill compound.

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NAILING (optional)

When using M-Boss Inc. panels for a backsplash, nailing is the traditional method of installation. Using this method provides a classic finished appearance with authentic cone head nails completing the overall look. If using nails, the surface must be 3/8" or 1/2" plywood. Drywall can be used, however, nails may pop over time. After completing STEP 2 carefully drill pilot holes through the "dots" (raised buttons) on the perimeter of the panels. (Generally, it is not necessary to nail the center of the panels).

Now, using authentic cone head nails, affix both panels to the substrate. As you drive the cone head nail through the "dot" the pattern will depress slightly. However, the cone shape of the nail head is designed to match the shape of the dot, creating a seamless look to your installation.

