

# How To Measure Your **BACKSPLASH**

## ↳ In 8 Easy Steps

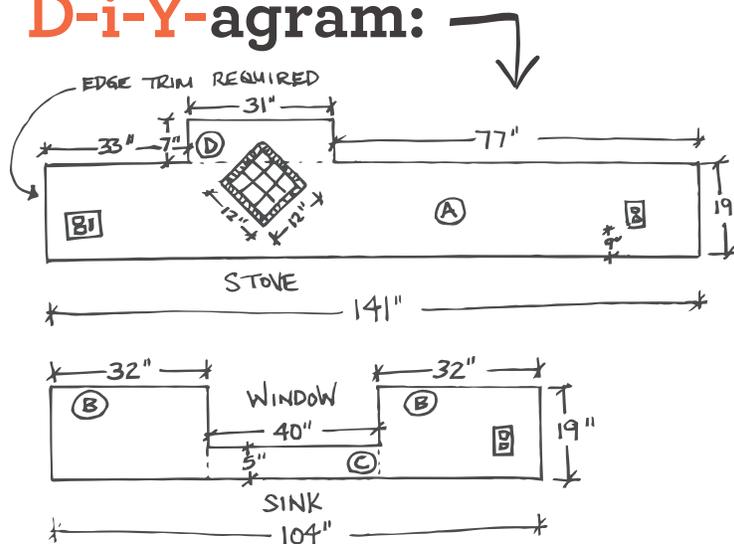
Backsplash adds a stylish touch to all Kitchens and comes in many different styles, sizes and colours. Backsplash also serves a major function by protecting walls against unintended splashes, stains and odors. Learn through these 8 easy steps how to **DO-IT-YOURSELF**.

1. Measure the area you wish to have tiled. Normally this will be between the counter top and the cabinet uppers.
2. Include the height and width of each section. Make note of the existing condition of the wall, as it must be reasonably flat and in good condition. **NOTE:** if you have existing tile installed consult your sales person on what needs to be done.
3. You may decide to tile behind the fridge and stove completely or simply "fake it" around the appliances so once in place it appears as though the tile is filled in completely.
4. Remove any light valances prior to installation. This will leave a grout joint where the tile meets the valance.
5. Creating a diagram or marking dimensions on a photograph can be a great tool for reference.
6. When using borders, inserts or an inlays, ensure you mark the location of switches and receptacles. This is so accents can be calculated and installed without interfering with any wall mounted fixtures. **NOTE:** tile cannot extend partially across any wall fixture as the plate cover will not sit flat. Some tiles with a very uneven surface may not be suitable for areas with wall fixtures.
7. On your sketch or photograph mark the location of any accents or borders. Indicate where any trim may be required to cover tile edges.

8. Calculate your total tile area needed by multiplying width by length of each of the various wall sections, and add them together. **NOTE:** Include a waste factor of 10-15% to ensure you have spare tile for any possible future repairs or changes.

Sample

**D-i-Y-agram:**



Sample  
Calculation of  
Tile Area



A - 19"x141"	= 2679 sq. in.
B - 19"x(32"+32")	= 1216 sq. in.
C - 5"x40"	= 200 sq. in.
D - 7"x31"	= 217 sq. in.
<b>Total</b>	<b>= 4312 sq. in.</b>
(divide by 144)	= 29.94 sq. ft.
(+10% waste)	<b>= 33 SQ. FT.</b>