WHERE DO I BEGIN?

There are many factors that come into play when choosing tile. We recommend that you select your counter top and cabinet selections first and bring a current sample from the manufacturer to your appointment. Architectural drawings and installer measurements are also helpful for your salesperson to help identify design limitations and opportunities.

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Kitchens become more innovative each year. Here are a few tips to help guide your decision making:

• If you love modern design, keep it simple.
• Contemporary design tends to use minimal grout joints with continuous lines.
• Colorful backsplashes tend to look best with simple solid color countertops.
• If your granite countertop is a piece of art, consider a more consistent colored tile to compliment the undertones.
• To create a dramatic effect, continue the backsplash to the ceiling. This creates incredible impact when paired with open shelving.
• Removing any 4" solid surface sink splashes is recommended before installing a tile backsplash, however if this is not feasible the existing material can often be incorporated into the design.

ACCENTS

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• WAINSCOT

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BASEBOARDS

Tile baseboards are an excellent design feature and much easier to maintain than wood, especially if you have furry pets or an aversion to dusting. Stone and ceramic baseboards are available in classic and contemporary styles and are typically 6”-10” tall. For a simple clean look use tile bullnose, or cut field tile. Some porcelain and stone field tiles can be cut down and finished on-site. Check with your installer to make sure this option is feasible.

• Add a decorative liner or listello 3-4” above the countertop for a traditional look. Center the listello or create a wide border using mosaics for a more contemporary look.

• TRIM

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BATHROOM DESIGN STANDARD MEASUREMENTS

Bathroom Size: 5’x8’
Tub: 60” x 28”
Wainscot Height: (Vanity Height) + 6”
Standard Vanity Height: 32”
Comfort Vanity Height: 36”
Tile Baseboards: 6”-10”

SHOWER DRAINS

Every detail of your bathrooms matters, including the shower drain. Square and linear options are not only aesthetically pleasing, they are often easier to install then your standard round option. Linear drains are necessary in curb-less showers and the tileable option creates a seamless look.

GROUT

Grout color, type, and width is an important part of tile design. Some installations should have a wide joint to show off the tiles edges, while contemporary designs are normally outfitted with a small grout joint. Color plays an important part as well. Historically, tiles were live set in a mud bed hence the dark grey grout. Today, there are many different colors of grout to choose from which can make selecting grout one of the toughest design decisions. Always consult your salesperson and installer on the type of grout suitable for your project.

KITCHEN DESIGN STANDARD MEASUREMENTS

Backsplash Height: 18”
Cooktop Width: 30” to 36”
Electrical Outlets: 6’-7” from counter

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THRESHOLDS STANDARD MEASUREMENTS

Door Threshold: 4” x 36”
Shower Curb Threshold: 6” x 72”

Standard thresholds come in two sizes and are traditionally used for shower curbs and floor transitions. Today, we incorporate thresholds as design features and crafty designers will cut down large thresholds for inset shelves or use them to trim a shaving niche located closer to the floor. These creative uses for thresholds provide affordable custom features-avoiding costly custom slab fabrication.

CREATIVE USES FOR THRESHOLDS INCLUDE:

• Low shaving niche
• Pony wall surface & face
• Custom linear niche
• Shower window trim
• Laundry room sink splash
• Inset sink splash niche

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