



Custom Tile that Connects Your Heart to Your Home

How to Create Stunning and Meaningful Kitchen Backsplashes

Doing something the first time is scary and exciting, hiring an artist doesn't have to be. Ordering custom art tile is easy and rewarding. You can be a part of the creative process and enchant your family with a kitchen backsplash that reflects them. Celebrate life's joie de vivre with images meaningful to you. The images can relate to your surroundings, an experience, or a special place.

Here's how easy it is to hire an artist to create a tiled project that's uniquely yours:

1. ENVISION YOUR SPACE Imagine your kitchen, bath, or fireplace surround. How do you want the room to feel? Serene or lively? Would you like your tile to be a surprising focal point or a subtle enhancement? Can you envision the artist's style and color palette in your home? Does imagining the piece installed bring a smile or warm your heart?

2. SELECT A SIZE What size is your project? See what appeals to you by taping off areas. Consider space for a tile frame and/or matte around the mural. Interested in tiling a fireplace, a pdf of required measurements can be found [here](#).

3. CREATE A TIMELINE Clay takes time to dry, fire, and decorate. Consult your contractor for a due date. I recommend eight weeks for small projects like backsplashes and more for larger projects like fireplace surrounds. Have an agreed-upon deadline with your artist.

4. MAKE A COMMITMENT Have a contract that includes schedule, price, and delivery signed by both parties. Be sure to include any other specifics to your project. Having everyone on the same page if a problem arises will make the process smooth and easy. Here's [mine](#).

5. SHARE WHAT INSPIRES YOU Gather pictures that represent your style. Make lists of colors to include and to exclude. Use Pinterest and Houzz to collect and share images. Fabric shopping is also a great way to explore color schemes. Find more ideas at my [website](#).



Using commercial molding tile, customers can frame their pieces, separating the art tiles from the field tile. Allowing the mural to stand alone, making them pop from the background.

Now you know the scope of your project, you can contact the artist. You don't need every detail nailed down, we're here to help. Your ideas give us the info we need to dig deeper by asking questions and making suggestions. Now reach out and make an appointment, visit the studio, or have a video chat. The process is similar regardless of hiring a tile-maker, a portraitist, or a painter.



In each of these three custom orders, the clients came from very different places. The first mural inspired by a trip to Italy, the second an art nouveau painter, and the third a reimagined magical encounter with sea turtles. The center image, the customer matted their art tiles, creating more visual space by placing the tile matte on the diagonal. You can set the tone and feel of your home using color, images, and memories.