

SoWhat

dutch *kitchen* splash backs

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Preparations

The surface on which you will attach the image has to be solid, dry, flat (smooth) and dust-/fatfree. Any irregularities on the surface will eventually become visible on the image.

Absorption

The included adhesive is suitable for use on non-absorbing (non porous) and light-absorbing surfaces. If you are unsure about the absorption of your surface, take a water sprayer and spray a small amount of water onto the wall. Does discoloration occur immediately or within 3 to 4 minutes? Then you have an absorbing surface. If the water drips down, the surface is non-absorbing. Please note that non-absorbing surfaces should be sanded lightly to provide a key for adhesion and absorbing surfaces should be sized with a proprietary wall size (e.g. Solvite Wall Size).

Test

With each order we include a testpiece of the material. If you're not sure on how the splashback will stick to your surface, you can test it using this testpiece. Also when your surface is different from the ones named in this manual, or you insist on using another adhesive than the included, you can try it out with this piece. If in any case you require more samples for testing, please let us know and we will gladly send you another piece.

Surface: concrete

A concrete wall is usually plastered, make sure this has been done smoothly! If there are any irregularities on your plastered wall, use fillings and sand down the plaster until it is smooth. Be sure that the plaster and used fillings are 100% dry before attaching the splashback. This to prevent accumulation of moisture and mold to form behind the splashback. If there is already latex on the wall it is best to sand it smooth.

Surface: tiles

In case you have a tiled wall, it is not possible to attach the splashback directly on to the (tiled) wall. However, if you first attach an MDF-board (water-resistant) on to your tiled wall, you can attach your splashback on to the MDF-board. Your local DIY-store can advise on the best type to use in kitchens. Note that some types of board are absorbant and need to be pretreated differently from non-absorbant surfaces.

Be careful as screwholes in the board will become visible on the splashback. To prevent seeing them make sure the holes are carefully filled. If you need multiple boards for your splashback make sure the boards are firmly connected and free of any movement. If you are using several boards, you should also fill the gaps between the boards. Be sure that used fillings are 100% dry before attaching the splashback!

Electricity sockets

If you have any electricity sockets on the wall, spacing for these can be easily cut out using a Stanleyknife after attaching the splashback. For safety purpose we advice to turn of your electricity while working on the sockets!

Attaching the image

Make sure to stir the adhesive before use. Spread the adhesive evenly over the pretreated wall with a gluebrush or glueroller. Attach the splashback (preferably with at least two persons) carefully onto the pretreated wall. Smooth down the splashback (using for example a tea towel or wallpaper spatula rolled in a cloth). Always work from the middle outwards. You will have approximately 20 to 30 minutes to attach the image. If you still see some bubbles that you can't smooth out then reapply adhesive on that spot, because the bubbles will not disappear after the adhesive has dried!

We recommend applying silicon sealant to the lower edge of your splashback after installation, in order to prevent moisture from getting behind the splashback. If you cut the image around a corner then you should also apply silicon sealant to those edges.

Heat

Experience tells us that the splashback can handle the heat from a gascooker really well, also steam and cooking fat won't harm the splashback. However if you think you will have direct contact with hot pans or fire against the splashback we recommend to use a glass backboardsaver which should be available at your local kitchen supplier. Just to be on the safe side.

Cleaning

You can clean your splashback using a soft cloth with multipurpose cleaner or soap. Do not use the following substances when cleaning your splashback: solvents, degreasing agents, bleaching agents, resin removers, abrasive cleaners.

SoWhat-design provides a 5 years warranty on the colors of our product.

We love to see the final result of our splashbacks, please send us an image of your kitchen with our product!