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Designing a Stylish Backsplash

The tiles can either be a focal point or an accent feature—and they're functional, too

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Designed by Jeffrey Beers, this crystalline-patterned tile makes a statement used all over a dining space wall.


AKDO

Colorful and creative, a backsplash lends some flair and refinement to a space. "Since it's at eye level, it's the first thing you see," said Marina Hanisch of New York-based Marina Hanisch Interiors. "It helps tell the story, set the tone and reflect your personality."

"Backsplashes offer a platform for creativity, pattern and color," said Katie Michael-Battaglia, design director, Nemo Tile + Stone with showrooms in Boston, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. "Limited in scale and reasonably effortless to refresh over the years, backsplash tiles create a focal point or accent feature that can be paired with the latest in design trends." And, she added, they're a functional element as well, serving as a protective barrier between a wall and a high-use area, whether that's in a kitchen, bar or a laundry room work area.

To create a backsplash with style, follow these tips from the design pros.

Consider the Effect

"We recently collaborated with AKDO to create a collection of glass tiles called Immersion, which are done in moody, cool hues that echo the look of open water. The pieces evoke an emotional response through multi-faceted geometric profiles, which reflect light based on their surroundings. Additionally, the tiles may be manipulated in a variety of ways, resulting in bespoke patterns with a seamless flow." 

"Instead of tiles, you can use generous sized slabs of stones to line your walls... the overall look is modern, urban and very clean."

—Jeffrey Beers of Jeffrey Beers International Design in New York