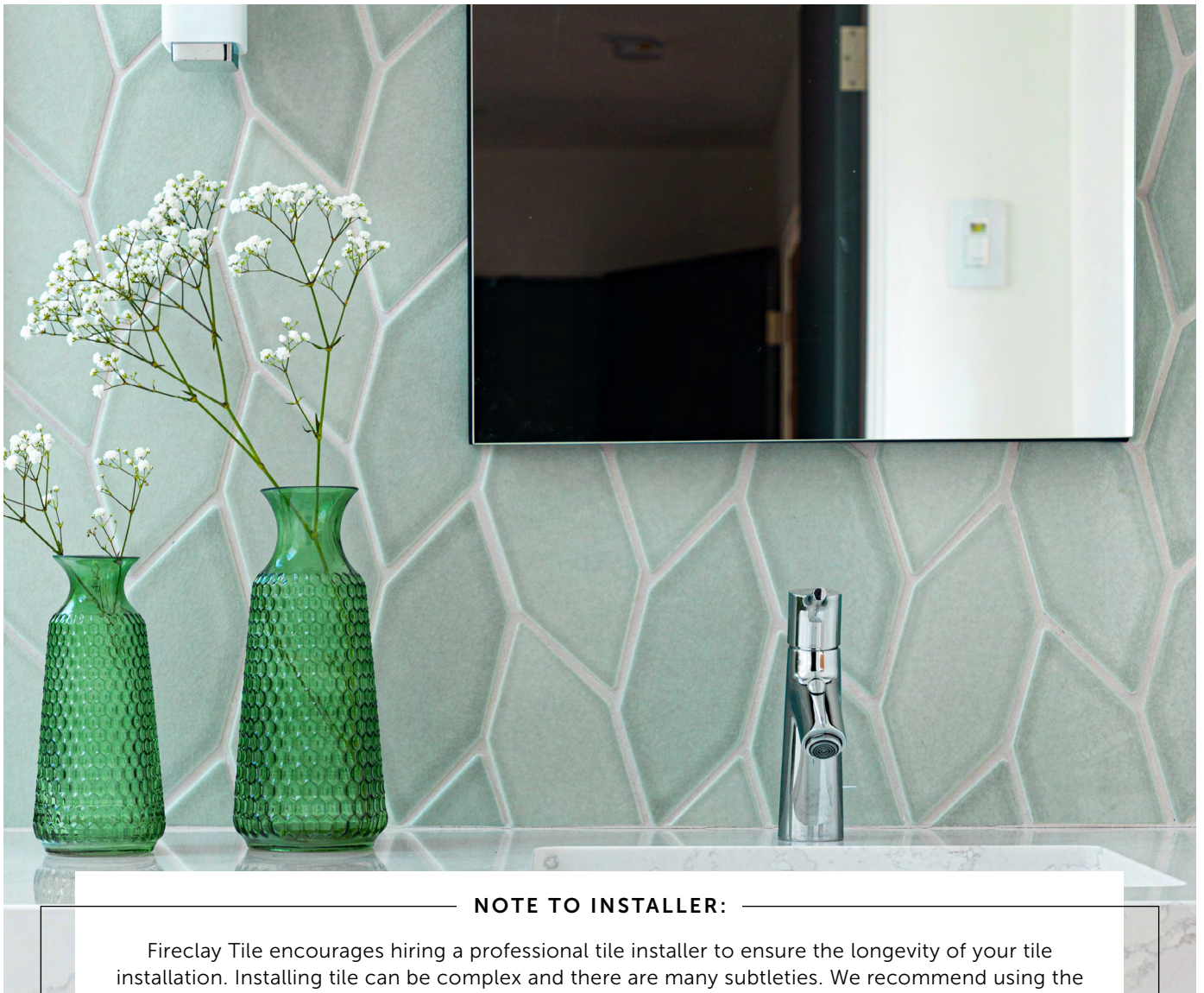




FIRECLAY TILE

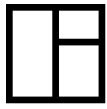
TIPS FOR INSTALLING

Braided Picket



NOTE TO INSTALLER:

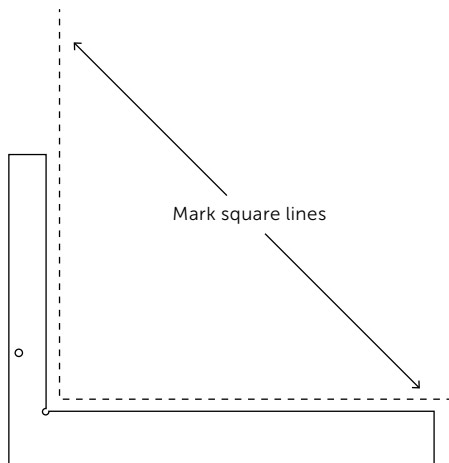
Fireclay Tile encourages hiring a professional tile installer to ensure the longevity of your tile installation. Installing tile can be complex and there are many subtleties. We recommend using the methods outlined in the Tile Installation Handbook from the Tile Council of North America. We offer the following advice for those confident in the DIY skills and for the Tile Installation Professional.



GETTING STARTED

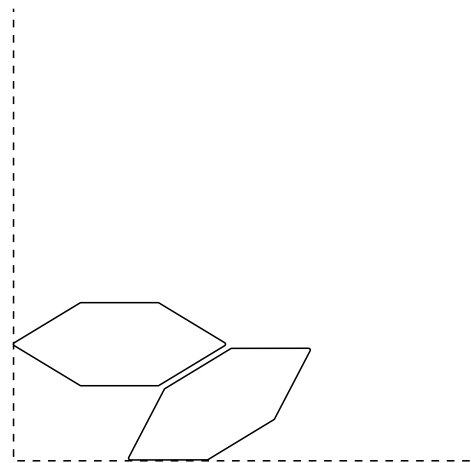
Laying out the braided tile pattern for Picket can be challenging. The pattern has a direction that appears to flow up to the right or up to the left depending on how you start. It is recommended to start the process with a dry lay of the tile on top of a counter or floor. You can use butcher paper to draw a template to represent the wall or backsplash you are going to set the tile on. Use a framing square and straight edge to start.

STEP 1



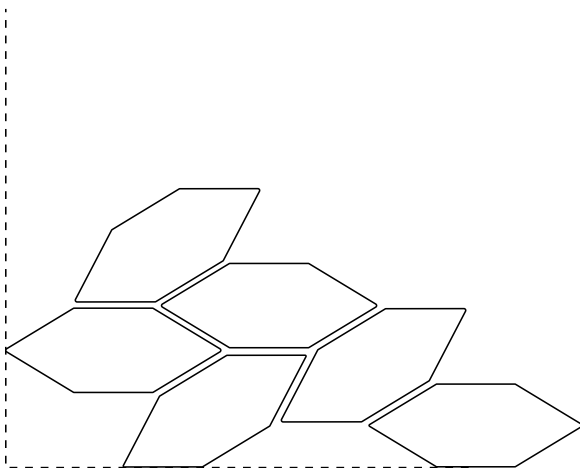
Mark your square lines using a pencil and framing square, or snap out chalk lines with a chalkbox.

STEP 2



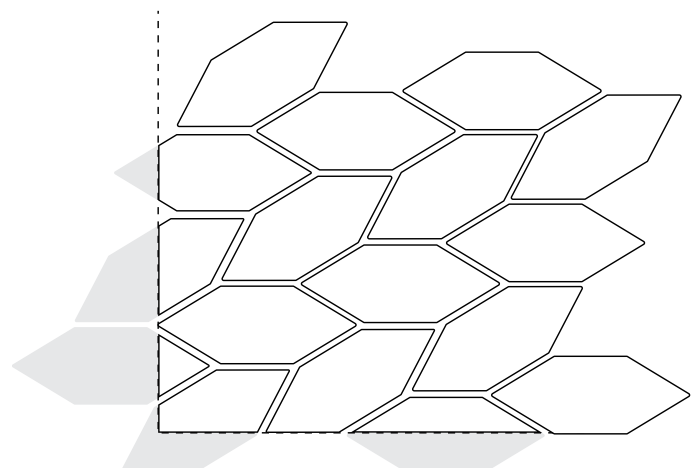
The easiest way to start the Braided Pattern for a kitchen backsplash is to orient the tile horizontally, stair stepping up and to the right.

STEP 3



Keep adding tile until you fill in your backsplash or wall. Make sure to pull pieces from different boxes.

STEP 4

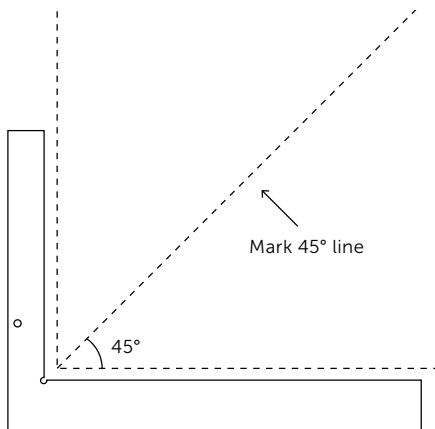


Lay tile in the open spaces of the tiled area and use a pencil and straight edge to mark the cuts. Use the lines drawn on the paper as a guide. Cut the tile using a tile wet saw.

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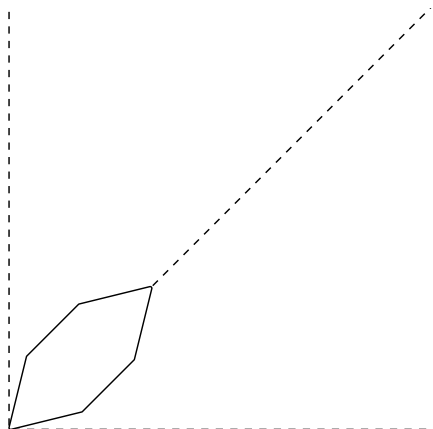
45° LAYOUT

STEP 1



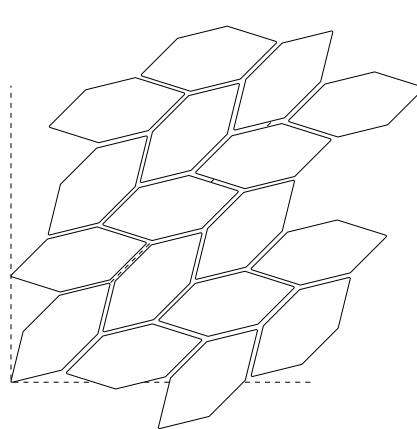
To begin the 45° layout, draw a line at a 45° angle from the corner of your square line.

STEP 2



Align a piece of tile to the angle line as shown above.

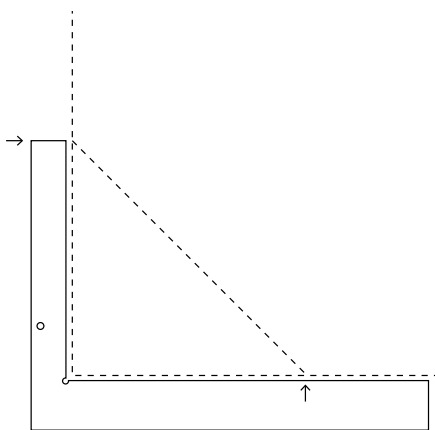
STEP 3



Continue adding pieces until your area is filled. Make cuts using a tile wet saw.

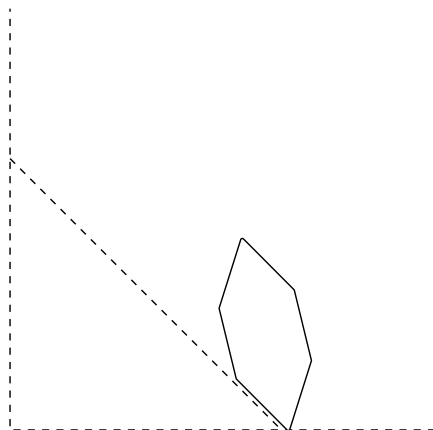
VERTICAL LAYOUT

STEP 1



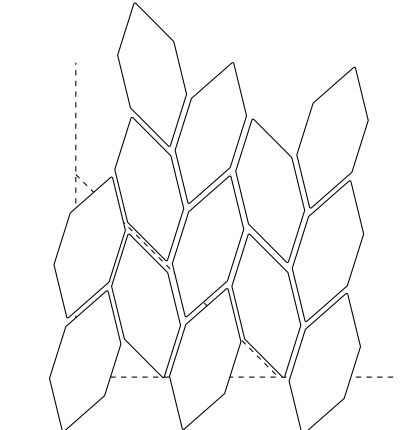
To begin the vertical layout, draw a line connecting your square line from the same measurement point on each side. For example, find 10" on both edges of your square and draw a line between those points.

STEP 2



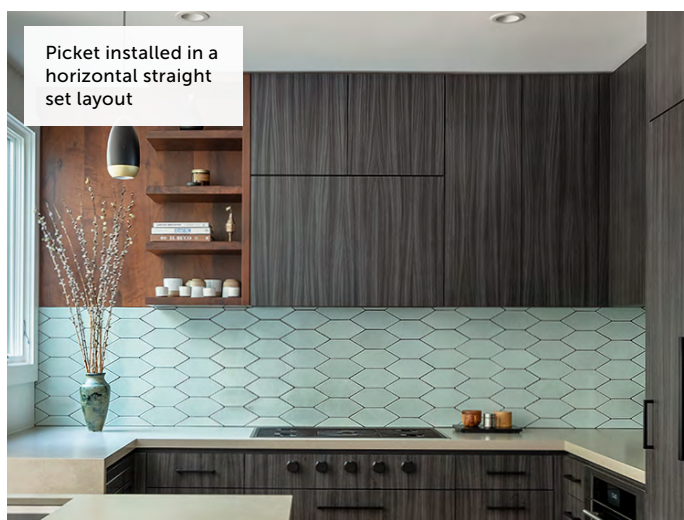
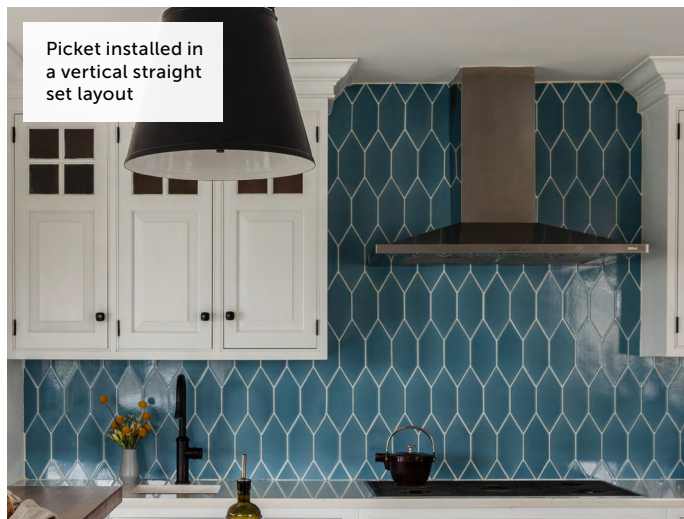
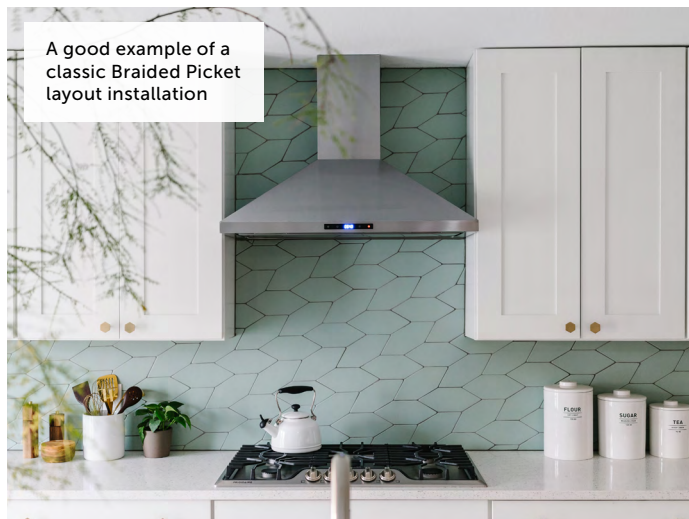
Align a piece of tile against the line as shown above.

STEP 3



Continue adding pieces until your area is filled. Make cuts using a tile wet saw.

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FINAL NOTES

- Spacers do not install tile straight, they just provide space between the tiles. If the tile varies in size and shape, the grout joints will vary as well.
- If you are installing tile on a wall, use spacers to hold the tile in place until the thinset mortar has set up. Use wedges for making minor grout joint adjustments.
- Make sure none of the tiles are touching. Fireclay always recommends a grout spacing of 3/16".
- Grout release or tile sealers may be needed to help prevent the grout from staining glaze crazing. Crazing is an inherent part of ceramic tile.
- We recommend against using a contrasting grout. If you're choosing to do so, be sure to test a small area of your tile to ensure it's been properly sealed, and check that the grout will not stain the tile.
- It is always a good idea to make a mockup to see what your finished product will look like.
- Fireclay Tile recommends using one manufacturer for all installation materials. Your professional installer may have a brand they prefer to use. You can use any materials that meet ANSI requirements.

*ANSI = American National Standard Specifications.