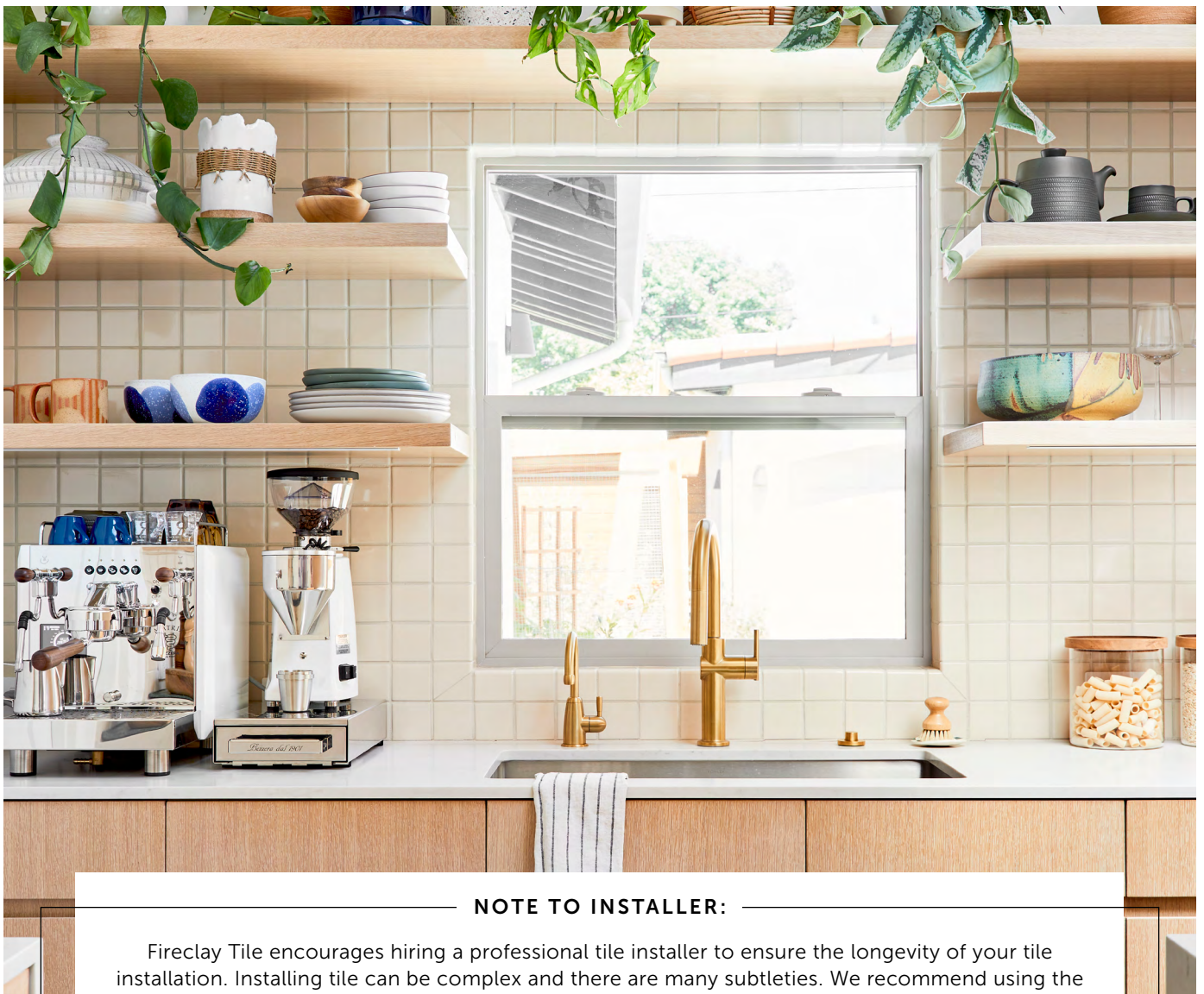




FIRECLAY TILE

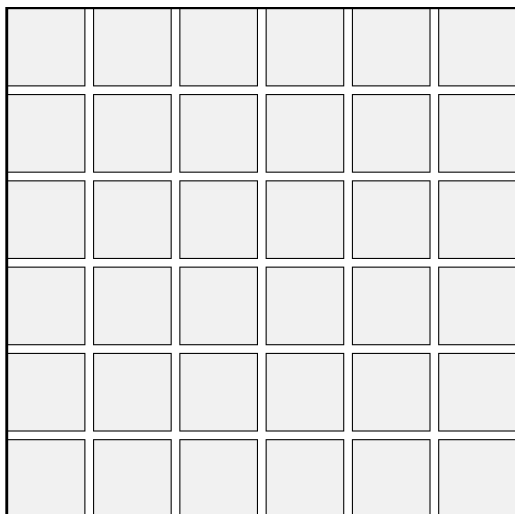
TIPS FOR INSTALLING

Mosaics



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.



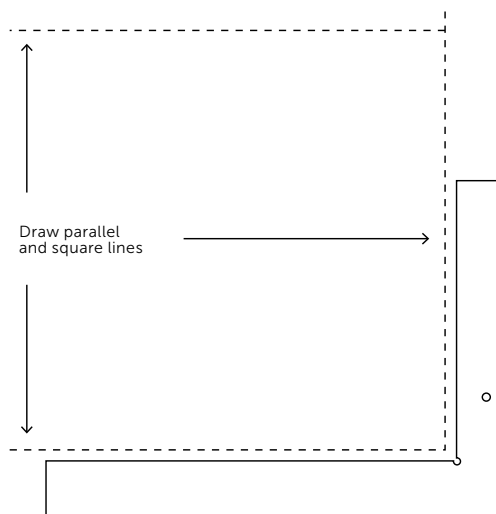
GETTING STARTED

Mosaic tiles are smaller tiles that are sheeted in a pattern to aid installation. Each sheet is blended and face taped by hand in our factory to ensure size and color consistency. Tiles are mounted using a clear face tape, which better facilitates the adherence of the tile body to the substrate. Clear tape also allows you to see how the grout spacing looks while you are installing. Adjust the tile sheets using a utility knife to cut the tape.

Dry laying your tile is highly recommended. It will aid in the layout and cut decisions, and provides a visual representation that can be adjusted before you install your tile.

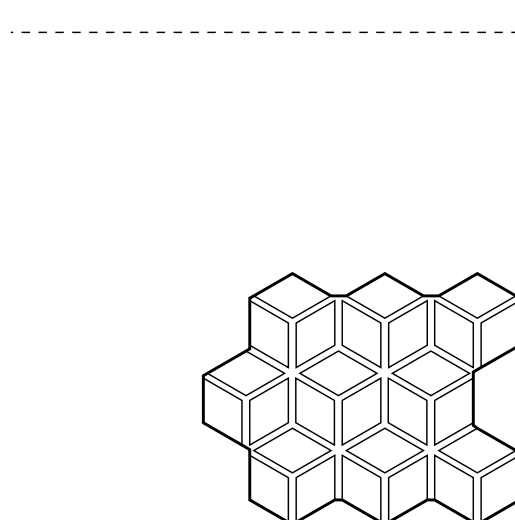
Shown to the left is a visual example of one sheet of Fireclay Tile's 2x2 Sheeted Mosaic.

STEP 1



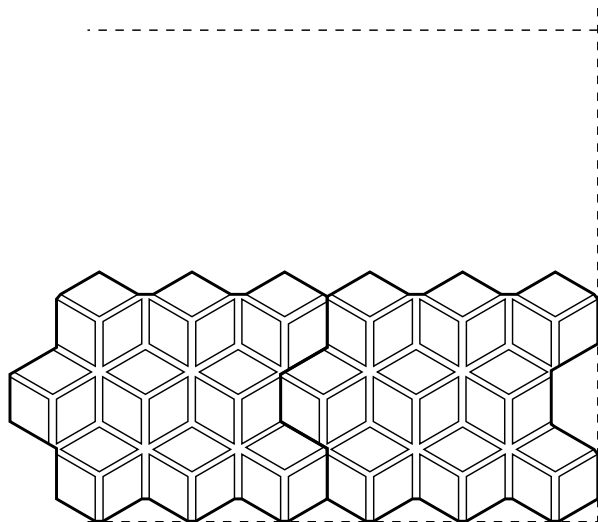
Start with some butcher paper. Draw a horizontal line to represent your kitchen counter, the ledge of a tub, or the base of a wall. Draw a square line perpendicular to the horizontal line to represent a wall or where the tile stops at an inside or outside corner. Your layout will be determined by carefully measuring your space.

STEP 2

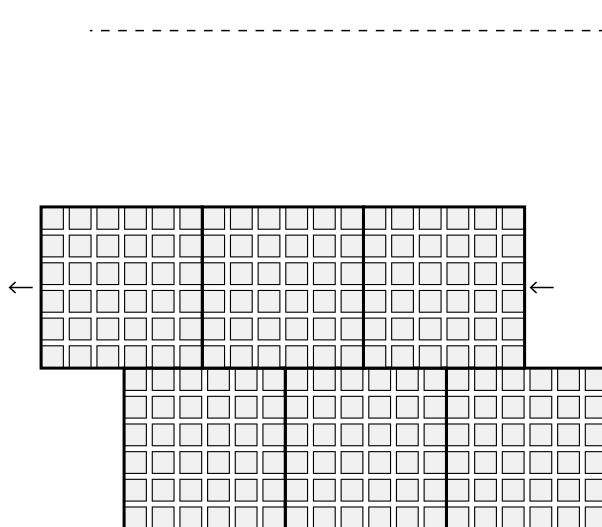


Your first sheet may line up with the vertical square line. Depending on your layout for cuts in other areas, it could be moved right or left. For this example, we are using Small Diamond in the Escher pattern.

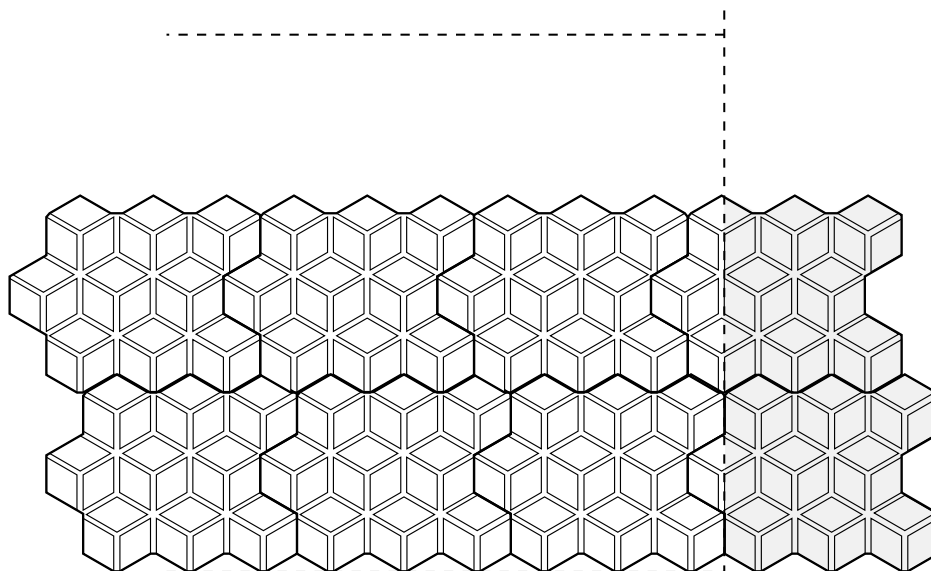
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STEP 3


Continue adding sheets as they align with your layout lines.

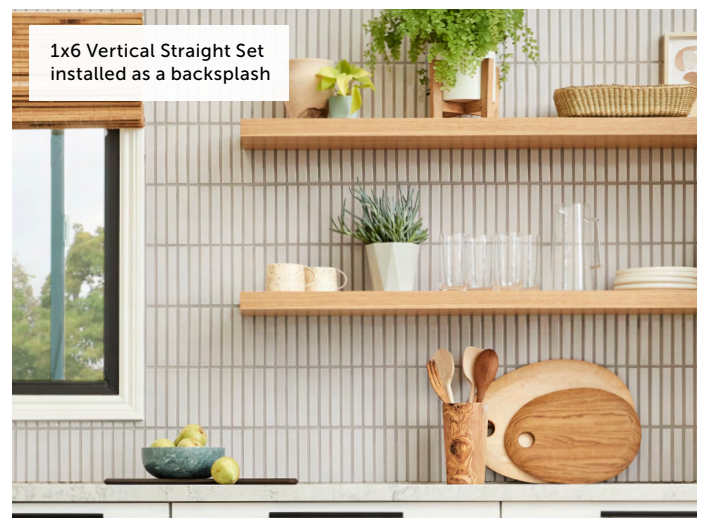
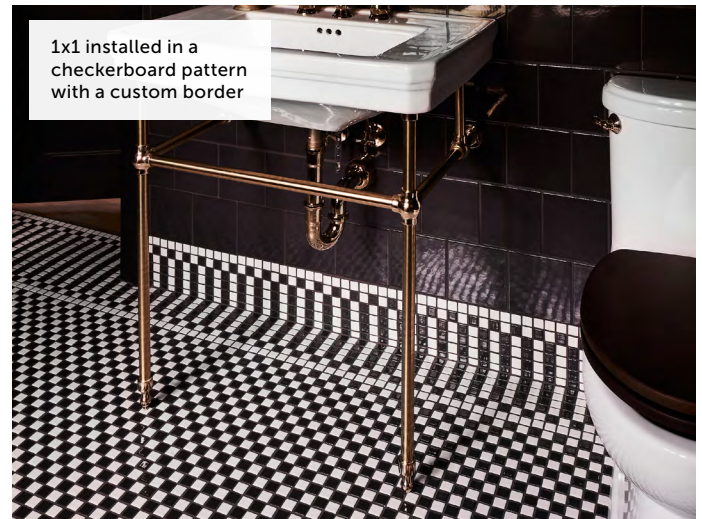
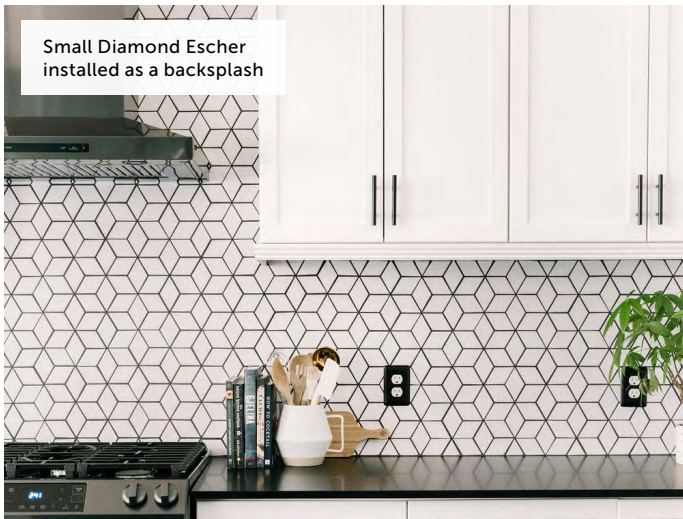
STEP 4


If you are installing straight set square or rectangular sheeted mosaic tiles, move the next row of sheets over by about half the width of the sheet. This keeps the individual sheet lines from telegraphing through in the finished installation.

STEP 5


If you have measured your layout, you can mark and make your cuts. When the mosaics are installed, you can adjust the grout joints of the tile and sheets by using a sheet rock knife to cut the clear tape. The next day, after the thin set has cured, peel the clear tape off the tile. Some cleaning may need to be done before grouting.

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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.