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# Installation Notes

- This is intended only as a quick reference to the basics of tile installation.
  - Tape is adhered to the **front face** of the mosaic sheets. **Do not install this side into the setting material.**
  - Carefully read all instructions before starting installation.
  - Please read and follow all specific installation products guidelines and specifications.
  - Installation should be performed in air temperatures between 41°F minimum and 86°F maximum.
  - **Remember** the space between sheets should equal the space between tiles.
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## Installation Preparation & Substrate Information

- Carefully assess the installation surface remembering that different substrates can require different preparation.
- Installation surface should be a smooth uniform plane. Installation on a highly varied surface will be difficult and may cause undesirable results. Scored drywall or newly-built wall preferred substrate. SEE STEP 1 FOR SKIMMING INSTRUCTIONS.

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- For newly-built wall applications, the wall's drywall is an adequate substrate to receive the mosaic.
  - For existing wall or floor applications where the surface is structurally questionable or has a highly varied plane that will compromise the mosaic installation, add a layer of backerboard, such as Durock, to serve as the substrate to receive the mosaic.
  - If possible, dry fit mosaic sheets and inspect before installing.
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# Mosaic Installation Process



## 1. Skimming

- The installation surface must be smooth and clean to ensure proper installation.
- It may be necessary to lay a thin layer of setting material on the surface to ensure that it is ready for the tile.
- Allow 12 hours to dry if layer of setting material is needed.

*NOTE: A waterproofing/anti-fracture membrane needs to be applied to the uniform surface if the mosaic is to be submerged in water, or if anti-fracture or crack isolation properties are necessary. This typically consists of rolling or spraying a liquid, rubbery membrane onto the uniform surface prior to mosaic installation. Please follow manufacturer's instructions on waterproofing membrane application.*

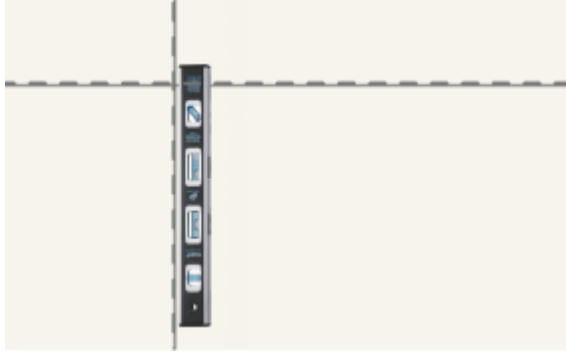
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## 2. Guide Lines



- Measure the space in which the mosaic is being installed to determine the best fit for your tile.
- Use a straight edge and level to help you align the tile as you work.
- Construct a grid on the substrate that is equal to nine sheets of the tile.

*NOTE: Be sure to account for the spaces between each sheet of tile when measuring.*

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## 3. Applying Setting Material



- Mix setting material.
  - **First coat:** apply setting material with the smooth edge of a trowel to a section no larger than one section of the grid.
  - **Second coat:** create even ridges in the setting material by “combing” the material with the notched edge of the trowel.
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## 4. Installing the Tile



- The sheets of mosaic have a **clear tape covering on the front face of the tile**. This allows the mosaic design to be seen during installation.
- Apply the backside of each sheet into the setting material, with the **tape side face out**.
- Using a float tool, tap across the surface to adhere the mosaic securely into the setting material.

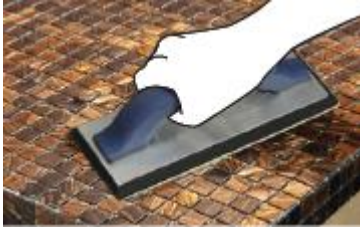
*NOTE: The space between each sheet of tile should equal the space between each individual tile.*

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## 5. Securing Mosaic Sheets

- It is important to create a secure bond between the tiles and the setting material.
  - Using the float tool tap across the surface to adhere the mosaic securely.
  - This also ensures the final exposed plane of the mosaic is consistent and uniform in height.
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## 6. Adjusting Spacing

- This can be a time consuming process, but is important to ensure a professional installation.
  - Adjust while material is still wet.
  - Adjust any tiles that are uneven and ensure that all gaps are of equal width and height. Do this by cutting through the clear tape and moving tiles with a small trowel.
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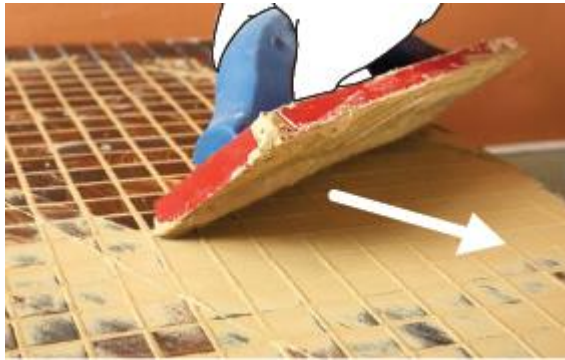


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## 7. Grouting



- Grout can be applied to a clean, dry surface. (See Step 8 “Expansion Joints”)
  - Before applying grout be sure that the mosaic surface is clean and all clear tape is removed from the tiles.
  - Peel tape in a diagonal motion.
  - Thorough cleaning may involve removing excess setting material from the mosaic’s joint with a knife, as well as cleaning off all dust and particles.
  - Spread grout from the bottom up in a diagonal direction using a small trowel.
  - Squeegee in the opposite direction.
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### 8. Expansion Joints

- Expansion joints should be installed at all “changes in plane” of the mosaic and where the mosaic meets an adjoining surface, such as in a corner. Fill these space(s) with a silicone caulking sealant in place of grout to create expansion joints at these locations.
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## 9. Cleaning

- The mosaic should be ready to be cleaned about 30-60 minutes after grouting.
- Use a sponge and clean water and scrub in a circular motion, removing excess grout and smoothing all joints. Continue to wipe down the tiles until clean.

*NOTE: Cleaning methods vary based upon the type of grout used in the installation. For example, a urethane grout must be cleaned earlier and more frequently than cementitious grout. Please follow the cleaning instructions provided by the grout manufacturer.*

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# How to Clean Greasy Backsplash Behind Stove



Backsplashes have come a long way over the years. The first backsplashes to protect the wall behind a stove were made of plastic and linoleum. Today, backsplashes are made of many different materials, such as slate, ceramic, glass, marble and stainless steel. Backsplashes are installed for their beauty, but they also have a function: to make it easier to clean the greasy splatters from the stove. Different kinds of backsplashes require different cleaning techniques.

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### Ceramic, Marble, Glass and Plastic Backsplashes

1. Spray the surface with an all-purpose cleaner designed to remove grease. Let it sit for 20 to 30 minutes.
2. Wipe down your backsplash with a soft rag or paper towels. Repeat if necessary.
3. Use a heavy duty degreasing cleaner such as Grease Grizzly or Goo Gone if your grease is tough to remove.
4. Rinse with a clean, wet rag when done to remove all cleaning residue.

### Stainless Steel Backsplashes

1. Add a few squirts of dish detergent that easily cuts through grease, like Dawn, to a bucket of warm to hot water.
2. Use a soft cloth and the soapy water to rub the grease away. Do not use an abrasive sponge on the stainless steel, because it could scratch your backsplash.
3. Follow up with a stainless steel cleaner if necessary. If your stainless steel is streaky after cleaning, use a commercial product sold for stainless steel (usually for appliances). Rub the product onto the backsplash with a cloth, using circular motions. Use a clean cloth to buff and remove any cleaning residue.

### Slate Backsplashes

1. Use a toothbrush or scrub brush to clean. Because slate backsplashes usually are not sealed, grease gets deep into the slate itself rather than just on the surface.
2. Use dish detergent, like Dawn, and some warm to hot water for your cleaning solution. Add a couple of squirts to one bucket of water.
3. Test on an inconspicuous spot before scrubbing the entire area to be sure you do not damage your slate. Let it dry before deciding whether it is safe to use.

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4. Scrub your slate backsplash with the soapy water and a scrub brush, if all goes well in Step 3. Dip your brush into the soapy water frequently while scrubbing.
5. Rinse with a clean, wet rag to remove any remaining soap residue.