



## Kitchen Backsplash Design and Installation Information

### Size of Tile

The traditional/historical size of Dutch tiles is 13 cm x 13 cm. Field tiles are 13 cm x 13 cm. Half tiles (border designs) are 6.5 cm x 13 cm. Quarter tiles are 3.25 cm x 13 cm. Corner tiles are 6.5 cm x 6.5 cm.

### Measuring

Convert your measurements to centimeters for greater accuracy. Use an online conversion tool - search for "inches to cm". Divide the height/width by 13 cm to determine how many rows/columns of tiles are required, with a minimal grout line. Our Dutch tiles are sold by the piece.

### Kitchen Backsplash

*Horizontal calculations:* From the focal point (the center of the wall, the center of the cooktop etc). Measure to the right and left. Decide if the focal point is a tile or a grout line. Be sure it is visually balanced.

*Vertical calculations:* A typical backsplash requires 4 tiles from the countertop to the bottom of the cabinets. Each partial tile should be counted as a full tile that will be cut to fit. Discuss with your tile installer where to place the cut edge, either at the bottom of the cabinet, or at the countertop.

*Decorative Tiles:* According to your preference and budget determine how many decorative tiles to include. Typically 25-30% of the area is decorative tile. Place your decorative tiles where they are most visible. Field tiles, with or without decorative corners, complete your order.

### Quantities

Dutch Tile Inc. is willing to assist in the estimation of the number of tiles needed, but responsibility for final quantities rests with the customer. We recommend working with a designer, architect, or tile installer for the most accurate calculations. We strongly suggest that you count each tile that you expect to cut as a whole tile when you tabulate your order. Then add a few extras, 10 to 12%, because it is better to have a few tiles leftover than not enough when you are working with custom ordered tiles from Holland.



## Fireplace Surround Design and Installation Information

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### Measuring

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### Fireplace Surround

Check your local Building Code for required minimum distance between the firebox and outside walls.

*Horizontal calculations:* From the focal point (the center of the fireplace). Measure to the right and left. Decide if the focal point is a tile or a grout line. Be sure it is visually balanced. Consider the width of the firebox edges.

*Vertical calculations:* Measure the height of the sides of the fireplace and determine how many tiles will fit.

*Decorative Tiles:* According to your preference and budget determine how many decorative tiles to include. The fireplace surrounds typically include many decorative tiles. Border pieces are ideal for fireplace installations and can help address the building code requirement.

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