



THE TILE ASSOCIATION

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- 1** Choose your tiles carefully taking advice from a good tile supplier, preferably a TTA member retailer. The latest trend is for very large tiles but they may not suit your kitchen particularly if there are a lot of electrical sockets to cut around. Large tiles are heavy so do check that your walls are suitable.
- 2** Plan how the tiles are to be set out ensuring that borders and motifs are not broken up by electrical sockets and light switches. Mosaics can be very useful in kitchens, which tend to have a lot of switches and sockets to cut round. They come on a mesh, which can be cut with scissors. Tiling an entire kitchen in mosaic could prove expensive. Instead, use mosaics between the worktop and wall units and choose a complimentary tile for the other wall areas.
- 3** Don't try and match the colour of the worktop, a contrast or a similar colour to the floor, co-ordinating with the units, will always look more effective. Don't be afraid to mix matt finish tiles with gloss units or worktop and vice versa.
- 4** Tiles can add value to your home so be prepared to spend money and time. Wall space in a kitchen is usually limited to between the worktop and wall units so the quantities are small. Pay a little more and get something that really makes your kitchen special.
- 5** If you are tiling yourself buy or hire the best equipment as it will save time and money. Before you start; go to The Tile Association website at www.tiles.org.uk and download Tile it Right, a free DIY tiling guide which includes tips on tile selection and calculating to number of tiles needed.
- 6** The best tip of all. Before you start; work out how long it will take you (at least three times as long as a professional), how much per hour you earn and how much your house is worth then consider employing a professional. To find a professional, reliable, experienced tile fixer, go to the search facility on the TTA website, www.tiles.org.uk and just put in your postcode.

You will find the contact details for the companies illustrated in the directory on the TTA website at www.tiles.org.uk



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