







# How to Order the Perfect Amount of Mosaic Kitchen Tiles

Running out of tiles mid-kitchen project is a nightmare. Worse yet, finding out your specific tile is sold out. When using mosaic kitchen tiles, getting the order quantity right is critical. It's not just about measuring the wall—factors like cuts, breakage, and pattern alignment can skew your calculations. Follow this straightforward guide to nail your order the first time.

## Step 1: Measure Accurately

Start by determining the area you need to cover. Use a tape measure to capture the height and width of each section where kitchen tiles will go. Multiply together the area in square feet:

- $\text{Height} \times \text{Width} = \text{Area (sq ft)}$

For example:

- Wall 1: 8 ft wide  $\times$  3 ft high = 24 sq ft
- Wall 2: 6 ft wide  $\times$  3 ft high = 18 sq ft
- Total: 42 sq ft

Measure every section and sum them up. Don't rush this step—it's the foundation of your order.

## Step 2: Handle Odd Spaces

Kitchens rarely have perfectly flat walls. Outlets, windows, and cabinets create gaps. You can either:

- Measure around these obstacles and subtract their area.
- Treat the wall as a solid surface and order extra (pro tip: this is easier).

For small obstacles, assuming a solid wall is usually fine. It ensures you have enough tiles for errors or adjustments without wasting much.

## Step 3: Always Order Extra

This is where many DIYers slip up—you must order extra tiles. Mosaic kitchen tiles are prone to loss from:

- Cutting for edges or corners
- Breakage during installation
- Pattern alignment needs
- Future repairs for cracked tiles

As a rule:

- Add 10% for simple designs.
- Add 15–20% for complex patterns (e.g., herringbone or mixed mosaics).

For example:

- 42 sq ft total area
- Add 15% for a detailed design:  $42 \times 1.15 = 48.3$  sq ft



