

EZ TOPS INSTALLATION TIPS

EZ TOPS are simple to install if you have basic carpentry skills. Below you will find a list of hints and tips to make your EZ TOP installation a breeze.

SUBSTRATES

- 3/4" EXTERIOR GRADE PLYWOOD
- 1/4" BACKER BOARD - DENSIELD OR DUROCK

ADHESIVES

- LATEX MODIFIED THINSET SUCH AS TWO-PART FLEXITILE 061-50G OR 061-50W.
- WHITE THINSET FOR LIGHTER STONE
- UNSANDED GROUT COLOR OF CHOICE

TOOLS RECOMMENDED

- WET SAW WITH DIAMOND BLADE LARGE ENOUGH TO ACCOMODATE 26" LENGTH OF TILE.
- 1/4" x 1/2" NOTCHED TROWEL
- DRILL WITH SCREWDRIVER BIT
- DUROCK KNIFE OR UTILITY KNIFE
- GROUT FLOAT
- GROUT SPONGE
- MARGIN TROWEL
- LEVEL
- RUBBING STONE: 60 - 90 GRIT

EDGE DETAIL

- POLISHED EDGES - WITH THREE PRE-POLISHED EDGES, THERE IS NO NEED FOR A POLISHING WHEEL
- SAND AND LIGHTLY BEVEL CUT EDGES THAT WILL BUTT TO FACTORY POLISHED EDGES (SEE CUTS AROUND SINK DETAIL)
- JOINT SIZE - CREDIT CARD SIZE IS ALL YOU NEED, USE UNSANDED GROUT

INSTALLATION

- CAREFULLY PLAN LAYOUT PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.
- USE LATEX MODIFIED THINSET TO ADHERE BACKER BOARD TO PLYWOOD, USE DUROCK OR ROOFING SCREWS TO ATTACH BOTH LAYERS TO CABINETS.
- TAPE JOINTS WITH DUROCK TAPE.
- USING SAME MODIFIED THINSET, SPREAD ADHESIVE USING 1/4" X 1/2" NOTCHED TROWEL. YOU MAY ALSO HAVE TO BUTTER THE BACK OF THE EZ TOP TILES TO ENSURE A LEVEL SURFACE.

LAYOUT

- STANDARD KITCHEN COUNTERTOPS ARE 25" DEEP. (CUPBOARDS ARE 24" DEEP.) WE RECOMMEND CUTTING 1" OFF THE UNPOLISHED EDGE OF THE EZ TOP TO ACCOMODATE THE 24" PLUS 1" OVERHANG. KEEP THE 1" STRIP TO BUILD UP THE FRONT EDGE OF THE COUNTER.
- IF COUNTER EDGES BUTT TO WALL ON BOTH SIDES, BEGIN LAYOUT FROM CENTER OF SINK OR COUNTER TO OUTER EDGES TO USE CUT EDGES AT BOTH WALLS. (figure a)
- IF COUNTER HAS ONE OR MORE EXPOSED EDGES, BEGIN LAYOUT WITH FINISHED EDGE OF TILE AT EXPOSED SIDE(S) AND WORK WAY TOWARDS WALL OR EXPOSED EDGE, RETAINING CUT PIECES ON THE INSIDE OF COUNTERTOPS. (figure b)
- REMEMBER TO ALLOW A 5/8" OVERHANG TO BUILD UP FRONT EDGE OF COUNTER.

ADDITIONAL TIPS

- WE ALSO STOCK COORDINATING 12"X12" TILES TO USE AS BACKSPLASH OR IF YOU NEED MORE TILE TO CUT ADDITIONAL 1" STRIPS

LAYOUT SUGGESTIONS

