

Classic and Timeless Subway Tile

For a classic look that is always in style, subway tiles are a fantastic choice for bathroom and kitchen backsplash tiles. Subway tile got its name at the turn of the 19th century when the New York City subway systems opened. Lining the walls of the subways were a glazed, rectangular tile that were not only durable, and stain resistant but could also withstand rigorous cleaning. The original 3" x 6" glossy tiles used in the subway system were colorful, cheerful and immediately recognizable in the subterranean landscape.

Subway tiles quickly became a popular choice for tile installations in both residential and commercial applications such as kitchens and bathrooms. Over the years, subway tile has had dips and resurgences in its use and has evolved to include a myriad of finishes, colors and sizes. Now it is common to see this rectangular, plank style in 2" x 6", 4" x 8", 4" x 12" and 4" x 16" and even larger. You can find a subway tile in a variety of finishes and colors, including the traditional glossy 3" x 6" like our [CD Linear Collection](#), in larger plank styles and contemporary neutrals like the [Piccadilly](#) series, with unusual beveled 3D surfaces like the [Up and Down](#) series and with closed crackle and irregular edges like the [Cristalli](#) series. We also see this material in glass like in the [Vitro Slim](#) series, traditional marble like carrara, porcelain and other natural stones like [travertines](#). Whatever your style or application, subway tile is always an enduring style that is a perfect complement to your living spaces.

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