



THE INSTALLER'S PERSPECTIVE

Kitchen Backsplash
Tub Surround
Renovation

Private Residence
Philadelphia, PA





David Tinsch

Owner

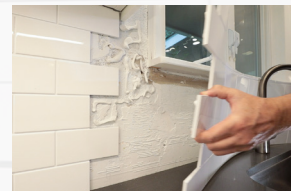
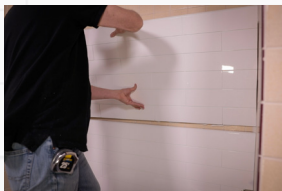
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THE PROJECT:

Installation of a tub surround and kitchen backsplash in an owner-occupied home. The residence was undergoing an extensive renovation. The guest bath was demoed but had original tile from the 1960s. The kitchen was completed except for the backsplash because the owner was undecided on the look.

Challenges:

- Old tub tile was not going to be removed; any new surface had to be secured over this old tile; built-in fixtures had to be removed.
- Tub had to maintain water-tight seals between tile sheets.
- Owner wanted traditional look that would also fit modern design.
- Odd cuts in the kitchen around window; non-standard sizes in bath.
- Speed of installation of both areas was critical to schedule.



“I had a number of surprises along the way – I was surprised when I opened the box and first took a look at it. I was surprised by the flexibility of the tile. I was surprised by the ease of installation. And when I was done, I was surprised by how much it looks like traditional ceramic tile.”



From an installer's perspective, how was working with Six3 Tile?

"I've done kitchens, bathrooms, electrical and plumbing and I've done traditional tile, with a wet saw and thinset. Installing this was so different from anything I've ever done. So easy to measure – so easy to cut and so easy to put to the wall."



How was the ease and speed of installation?

"The installation process was incredibly easy – measure, cut with a utility knife, or a rotary tool or oscillating saw. You score it, you snap it, you glue the back of it, then you press it to the wall and move on to the next sheet. I can put up 44 tiles in a sheet in a matter of minutes.*"

Did you need any special skills or tools?

"If you can measure, draw a straight line, use a knife, cut a straight line, use a caulk gun to put glue on the back of it, you can do it. It was so easy - I would do it again in a heartbeat."

Any other impressions?

"I really think this is a revolutionary product from a revolutionary company. I would challenge anybody who was coming into this house to pick this out as anything but the real deal."



**A standard 3" x 6" subway pattern, used in this kitchen, is a 44-tile patterned single sheet product.*

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RESULTS:

David is a veteran set designer for TV commercials and feature films, so he has high standards. He's used those skills to transition his company into unique home designs and has extensive experience using traditional ceramic tile in his creations. But he was becoming weary of using it because of its weight, the cutting process, the specialized skills and tools needed, the mess and the set time, all of which contribute to the extended time it takes to install and finish.

David admits he was skeptical when he first opened the box and examined the PVC tile sheets. He was also unsure how Six3 Tile would refresh the tub surround without ripping out the original outdated ceramic tile. However, after the first few sheets went up, he was sold. He was especially impressed how easy it was to cut Six3 Tile for the odd spaces around the kitchen window, and at how easily and securely the interlocking water-tight seal in the tub surround kit worked. Total time for installation of both areas took only a single day.

Take Aways:

- Installation of tile sheets is extremely fast, speeding up workflows exponentially.
- Our PVC-based product is easy to work with, durable and flexible.
- Our interlocking seal proved very easy to work with; standard PVC cement created a water-tight chemical weld.
- Final installed product is indistinguishable from ceramic tile.

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