

# STEPS TO INSTALLING AN INEXPENSIVE BACKSPLASH

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## SELECT THE PERFECT PIECE OF PANELING

Check your local hardware store for paneling. You can purchase paintable paneling to customize your kitchen backsplash.

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## MEASURE AND MARK

Use our video to measure where your outlets are located and mark it on the paneling.

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## CUT HOLES FOR OUTLETS

Using a drill and a jigsaw, cut the paneling where you measured and marked the outlets.

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## APPLY GLUE TO THE PANELING

One inch from the edge, apply a line of glue to the back of the paneling. Then apply a zig-zag line on the rest of the paneling.

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## APPLY PANELING TO WALL

Once the glue is tacky and ready to set (check the bottle for instructions) apply the paneling to the backsplash area. Use a nail or large books to hold the panels in place.

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## USE JOINT COMPOUND TO HIDE SEAMS

With a putty knife, apply joint compound to the seams.

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## SAND DOWN THE JOINT COMPOUND

Once joint compound is dry, use a coarse grit sandpaper (80) to sand the joint compound to match the contour of the paneling.

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## APPLY CAULKING TO THE BASE

Use a caulking gun to apply a bead of caulking to the base of the paneling. You can put masking tape down to make the line straight and clean.

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## PAINT THE JOINT COMPOUND

Use paint that matches the paneling to paint over the joint compound. At this point, you can customize the look of your paneling with paint if that is the look you want for your backsplash.

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## APPLY A COAT OF POLYURETHANE

To protect your paneling from water and grease, apply a coat of polyurethane once the paint is dry.