

# Making *Phase 2* a splash!

It's often the small touches that add that something special to complete a room. Your Build hears about toughened glass splash backs from Adam Curtis of Express Toughening

**T**hey say the kitchen is the heart of the home, and to keep it that way the self-builder can easily add some extra light and colour with the aid of toughened glass splash backs. I believe toughened glass splash backs can add both beauty and strength to the kitchen, providing that extra dimension to make your self-build stand out from the rest. Light is important to any kitchen and the wonderful reflective qualities of glass can transform the smallest area and bring individuality to larger areas. With no grout lines the look is seamless and there are very few limitations with what can be achieved in terms of colours, shapes and sizes.

In my view toughened glass splash backs aren't just aesthetically pleasing, they are also extremely effective for protecting your walls from staining and water damage. A glass splash back behind the hob or stove allows for easier cleaning of all foodstuffs that could potentially stain your bare walls. The properties of glass make it easily cleaned when marked with water, grease, foodstuffs and bacteria. With the glass being toughened it is both physically and thermally stronger than regular glass, so that the heat of the hob and the stress of knocks are highly unlikely to make the glass shatter ■

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### Template guide

- Preferably use a hardboard or MDF.
- Do not measure too tightly – always leave margin for error, +/- 1mm is industry standard.
- Remove sockets and make cut-outs relative to the back plate.

### Installation guide

- Make sure the surface is clean and dry so that it is suitable for fitting your splash back.
- Have your adhesive ready i.e. Gripfill or No Nails.
- Remove any sockets from the wall.
- Laying the toughened glass splash back face down carefully apply the adhesive, but not too close to the edges otherwise it may leak.
- Gently position the splash back onto the wall ensuring that the adhesive spreads.
- If you have any doubts about the adhesion then secure the splash back in place with masking tape whilst the adhesive cures.
- Once the adhesive has finally cured remove any masking tape, replace the sockets and apply a thin bead of sealant around all of the exposed edges.



Phase 1

Phase 2

Phase 3

Phase 4