



PIMPYOUR**kitchen**

Usermanual





**Pimp Your Kitchen**

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100% KLEEFSTREIF

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Dear customer,

Thanks for your order at PimpYourKitchen, the simple way to provide your kitchen with a unique, custom-made splashback.

In this usermanual we will give you instructions on how to apply your splashback in the best possible way.

Should you have any specific questions we can answer them by e-mail ([info@pimpyourkitchen.co.uk](mailto:info@pimpyourkitchen.co.uk)) or by phone (020 33181624, London number).

We wish you lots of cooking pleasure with your splashback!

The PimpYourKitchen team.

## PREPARATIONS

The surface on which you will attach the image has to be solid, dry, flat (smooth) and dust-/greasefree. The splashback will form itself to the back wall. Any irregularities on the surface will eventually become visible on the image.

In case of large color differences or pen/pencil marks on the surface it is wise to remove these. Should you choose a design with a light background it might otherwise be possible that you see the marks through the splashback.

## ADHESIVE

Our material has been tested in the labs of Solvite (Henkel) in England.

The recommended adhesive for applying the splashback is *Solvite Ready Mixed Super High Performance Adhesive*, or *Solvite Kitchen & Bathroom Ready Mixed Adhesive*. These types of adhesive are ready for use. Depending on size the 1kg or 2,5kg tubs will suffice.

## ABSORPTION

Both adhesives are suitable for use on absorbent (porous) and non-absorbent (non porous) surfaces. However, please note that non-absorbent surfaces should be sanded lightly to provide a key for adhesion and absorbent surfaces should be sized with a proprietary wall size (e.g. *Solvite Wall Size*) or with the adhesive diluted with an equal quantity of water, as detailed on the pack instructions.

## TEST

If you are unsure about the porosity of your surface, take a water sprayer and spray a small amount of water onto the wall. Does discoloration occur immediately or within 3 to 4 minutes? Then you have an absorbent surface. If the water drips down, the surface is non-absorbent.

With each order we include a testpiece of the material. If you're not sure on how the splashback will stick to your surface, you can test it using this testpiece.

Also when your surface is different from the ones listed in this manual, or you insist on using another adhesive than the recommended one, you can try it out with this piece.

If in any case you require more samples for testing, please let us know and we will gladly send you another piece.

## DIFFERENT SURFACES

If the splashback can be applied directly onto the surface depends on the type of surface and how it is treated or finished. In all cases the surface should be entirely dry before attaching the splashback. If you have used fillers to smoothen the wall make sure that the filler has dried for 100%. The splashback seals of the wall, when the wall is still moist it is possible that you will see water marks or mold forming behind the splashback.

The most common surfaces are as follows:

### *Concrete, unfinished*

An unfinished concrete wall must be smoothened out so that there are no irregularities left on the surface. You can size the wall with *Solvite Wall Size*.

### *Concrete, plastered*

A smoothly plastered wall might need some light sanding to remove small irregularities. You can size the wall and apply the splashback. The splashback will attach to the plaster. New plaster should be dried out for 100%.

### *Concrete, textured*

A textured concrete wall is not suitable to apply the splashback onto. The texture will otherwise show through the splashback. For an alternative way to attach the splashback if you have a textured wall read the section on MDF-boards.

### *Concrete, latexed*

When a wall is finished with latex, the porosity of the wall is altered. The wall should be sanded to provide a key for adhesion.

### *Tiled wall*

In case of a tiled wall it is not possible to directly attach the splashback onto the wall. For an alternative way to attach the splashback you can read the section on MDF-boards.

### *Other*

For other surfaces than the ones named above that are finished smoothly you can try if there is a key for adhesion and use a suitable adhesive from Solvite. If the wall is not finished smoothly see the next page for an alternative way to attach the splashback.

## USE OF MDF-BOARD

When it is not possible to apply the splashback directly onto the wall, you can attach an MDF-board onto the wall and apply the splashback onto the board. Make sure to use a type of board that is suitable for use in kitchens. Your local DIY-store can advise you on that.

Be careful as screwholes in the board will become visible on the splashback. To prevent seeing them make sure the holes are carefully filled. If you need multiple boards for your splashback make sure the boards are firmly connected and free of any movement. If you are using several boards, you should also fill the gaps between the boards. Be sure that the filler is 100% dry before attaching the splashback!

## SOCKETS/SWITCHES

Do you have sockets or switches on the back wall? Remove them (temporarily) before applying the splashback.

## ATTACHING THE IMAGE

Spread the adhesive evenly over the sized wall with a wide brush. Attach the splashback (preferably with at least two people) carefully onto the wall.

Smooth down the splashback (using a smoothing brush). Always work from the middle outwards.

You will have approximately 10 to 15 minutes to attach the image. If you still see some bubbles that you can't smooth out then reapply adhesive on that spot, because the bubbles will not disappear after the adhesive has dried!

## POST-TREATMENT

We recommend applying silicon sealant to the lower edge of your splashback after installation, in order to prevent moisture from getting behind the splashback. If you cut the image around a corner then you should also apply silicon sealant to those edges. If you have any electricity sockets on the wall, spacing for these can be cut out easily using a sharp blade after attaching the splashback. After that you can reinstall the socket material again.

Experience tells us that the splashback can handle the heat from a gascooker really well, also steam and cooking fat won't harm the splashback. However if you think you will have direct contact with hot pans against the splashback we recommend to use a glass backboard saver, which should be available at your local kitchen supplier. Just to be on the safe side.

## CLEANING

You can clean your splashback using a soft cloth with multipurpose cleaner or soap. Do not use the following substances when cleaning your splashback: solvents, degreasing agents, bleaching agents, resin removers, abrasive cleaners.

For technical questions concerning the type of adhesive and the use of it: contact Henkel's consumerservice (Solvite):

01606 593933 (UK)

[www.makingdiyeasier.co.uk](http://www.makingdiyeasier.co.uk)



Solvite adhesives are available at:

UK: B & Q ([www.diy.com](http://www.diy.com))  
Homebase ([www.homebase.co.uk](http://www.homebase.co.uk))  
Focus ([www.focusdiy.co.uk](http://www.focusdiy.co.uk))



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