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Calendar of events

Spring 2007

April 12-July 12

Spring Dream Rooms at
 the Design Center

April 27-30

Artropolis/Chicago

April 28-May 20

Lake Forest Showhouse

July 11-13

Fine Design at NeoCon
 Design Center

On the surface—kitchen backsplash

Here's the third of a three-part series on choosing kitchen surfaces.



A 42" high breakfast counter conceals sink on the 36" high side of island. Carrera marble top and stainless steel back splash. Homemag.com

MATERIAL	PRICE* <i>S.F.</i>	OPTIONS	STYLE NOTES
Glass	\$8 to \$30	Plain, patterned, egg, and diamond shaped mosaics, cultured brick sheets. Matte or glossy; matte is more contemporary but shows water marks and fingerprints.	For added options for color and pattern, paint, or wallpaper a backsplash and protect it by fitting with a sheet of glass. Use tempered glass behind stove.
Marble	\$20 and up	Variety of mosaic sizes from 5" x 8" to 1/2" square. Popular are tumbled marble (buff finish, round edges) and honed marble (matte finish, straight edges.)	New tile sheets mix marble with glass mosaics in complimentary shades.
Metal	\$40 to \$80	Tiles (1"x1" or 1"x2") or sheet of stainless steel. Choose from plain, brushed or textured finishes.	Brushed metal is a god choice to avoid fingerprints, water marks, and smudging.
Ceramic	\$3 to \$20	Wide variety of shapes, sizes, colors and finishes. Machine-made and hand-molded.	Hand-molded tiles have round edges, provide more texture, cost more.