MI TILE INSTALLATION EXPERTS

Fireplace surround planning checklist

Keep it with your project. Share it with your contractor.

- [ ] Record the appliance model and obtain its installation instructions before designing the surround.
- [ ] Confirm required clearances, permitted facing materials, vents and service access.
- [ ] Review the whole elevation: height, opening, returns, mantel, hearth and furniture.
- [ ] Check the substrate, support, movement and preparation for the selected facing.
- [ ] Confirm tile shade, caliber, batch quantity, geometry, damage and cut-edge appearance.
- [ ] Choose metal, ceramic, mitered or finished stone edges; avoid charging the same edge twice.
- [ ] Agree corner cuts, joint rhythm and how the pattern continues around side returns.
- [ ] Coordinate TV mounting, wiring and heat exposure with the appliance requirements.
- [ ] Plan access equipment, floor protection, heavy-item handling and material staging.
- [ ] Approve the layout and samples before installation; keep photos and spare tile.

Project notes