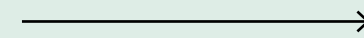


# Installation of worktops & splashbacks

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## Worktops: General information

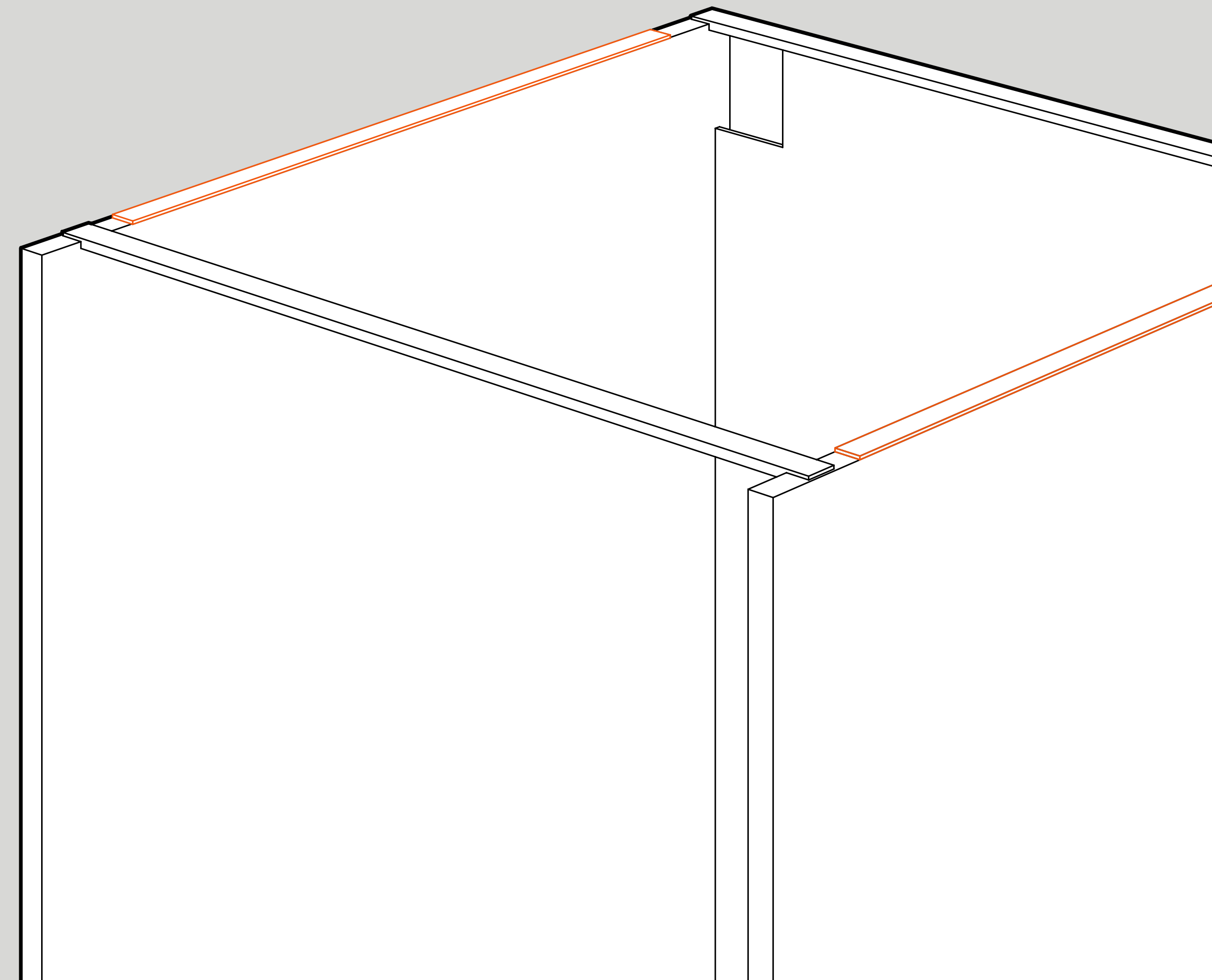


Before fitting the worktops, all units and carcasses must be complete, level and fixed to the wall. Where IKEA carcasses have been used, follow the steps on the next page to ensure correct installation.

Where IKEA carcasses have been used, the metal top bar needs to be made flush with the top of the cabinetry to prevent stress points on the quartz/natural stone that can cause it to crack.



This can either be done by cutting rebates (indents) for them to sit in or by cutting thin strips of ply to raise the sides of the cabinetry level with the bars.







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Worktops that are being replaced must be removed by others prior to template. Units to be fitted on top of worktops need to be installed after the worktops as the worktops can't be slid underneath. Any plastering on walls must take place either before or after worktops are installed.

If an under mount sink is to be used, plywood or timber framework will need to be installed in the sink cabinet to support the weight of the under mount sink. Supports such as timber battens should be fixed to the walls where there are no cabinets to provide adequate support. Typically behind dishwashers and in corners where corner cabinets do not extend back to the wall.





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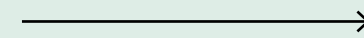
Ensure that any island overhangs for seating areas are adequately supported – the type and size should be discussed with the HØLTE team at design stages to ensure we provide appropriate panels.

As a general rule of thumb: 20mm thick Quartz allows for 200mm overhang, 30mm thick Quartz allows for 300mm overhang. Any supports required must be installed by your builder before installation.

Our supplier will advise whether any structural adjustments are required when they attend site to template. Alterations to the kitchen layout made after the final estimate may require extra material, which incurs in extra costs to the client.



## Splashbacks: Tiles & coloured grout



Tiles are a great low cost splashback option – tiling is often undertaken by most builders and good results can be achieved with basic DIY knowledge.

It is imperative that tiling is done after the worktop is installed to achieve the neatest finish.



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Coloured grout is a very cost effective way to make a big impact on your splashback. There are many products available but typically there are two options – cement based & resin epoxy based.

Epoxy is harder wearing and resistant to mould but requires greater care during installation and is less forgiving. Cement based grouts are easier to work with but typically the colours available are more muted.

The grout used in our studio is Mapei Kerapoxy, a resin epoxy product. Mapei's cement based product line is called Ultracolour. The final option for colouring grout is to make up your own colours by mixing pigment with white cement based grout.



## Alternative recommended splashback materials

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