Best practices for under cabinet LED tape lighting installations over highly reflective surfaces

Using painters or masking tape, temporarily place the LED light strip into your desired mounting position. Power on the LEDs to make sure you are achieving the desired lighting effect before removing the 3M paper backing for final installation. Temporarily mounting the LED light strip allows you to experiment with light positioning before you permanently install the tape lighting.

To avoid seeing the reflection of bright LED light spots on glossy counter tops, install the LED tape lighting flat up against the back side of the cabinet lip.

Install LED tape lighting through the hole and surface mount as a continuous run.

Also, by utilizing a multi-tool oscillating saw, you can make a small vertical cut in the dividers, clearing out space to create a slot that allows the tape lighting to pass between each cabinet, unobstructed as shown.

To surface mount LED tape lighting on the back side of the cabinet lip in one continuous run, drill a suitable size hole through any cabinet lip that may be present.

RibbonFlex Pro LED lighting is designed for indirect lighting applications where the LEDs are not to be seen by the eye. Even with a mirror placed on the countertop, the lip conceals the bright spots produced by the LEDs.

For added light in dark corners, you can bend the tape at the corner and return the LED tape light back to the wall. Use a soft 90-degree radius bend; do not crease to create a sharp bend that could pinch the internal tape light circuitry.

When mounting under a cabinet or a shelf with no lip to hide the LED tape light strip, create a visual barrier by using a piece of trim or some sort of strip molding mounted in front of the LED tape light.

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