

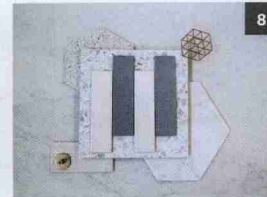
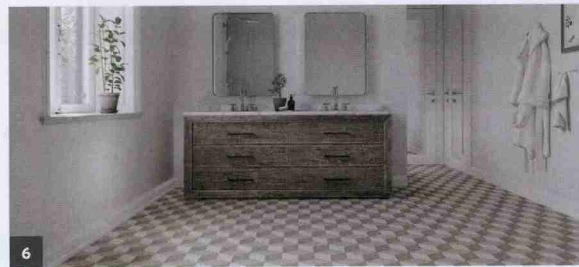
PRODUCT REVIEW

Artistic Flair

A SPACE CAN be dressed up in many ways, but few additions make the impact that tile can have on an overall design. From classic, elegant simplicity to bold, colorful patterns, tile can change the mood of a room while reflecting the homeowner's personal style.

Marble looks continue to be in demand, with veins of all colors leaving their mark on white, cream, gray and black backgrounds. Concrete looks with dramatic designs are also making a statement on everything from backsplashes to laundry room floors. And tile is often the go-to for adding a pop of color to a design, with blues, greens and yellows being showcased most often.

On these three pages, *KBDN* presents a sampling of tile currently being showcased on walls, floors and other surfaces in the kitchen and bath. ■



1. Taking its cue from the famous Portuguese stone, *Finest Estremoz* features a subtle pinkish-cream background with gray-white shading. Part of *Fiandre's* Maximum Marmi collection, the glossy, polished finish tile is only 6mm thick, making it light and easy to handle. It is featured on the floor, cabinets and backsplash of this kitchen.
granitifiandre.com

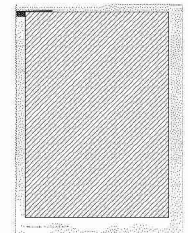
2. In *Scenario*, tone-on-tone brush strokes rediscover the beauty of the majolica tile typical of Mediterranean architecture, notes *Marazzi*. A blue, black and white color palette partners with *Geo Patterned* decos in this glazed porcelain tile collection. The line features 8"x8" matte tiles, three solid colors and six decos.
marazzi.com

3. Inspired by the Japanese method for firing pottery, *Raku* brings to life this ancient method in a contemporary form. The distinctive look of the tile from *Emser Tile* provides a range of design options in patterning and the eight tranquil colors, including: Blue, Charcoal, Ocean, Silver, White, Mustard (shown), Ruby and Olive.
emser.com

4. *Norde* is a stone-effect porcelain tile collection from *Atlas Concorde* that is inspired by the warm tones and texture of Mediterranean quartzite. The collection is available in four neutral shades ranging from warm ivories to silvery grays, in six sizes up to 44"x48" in a 9mm thickness that can be custom cut for vanities, countertops and more.
atlasconcorde.com

5. *Melange*, a new collection from *Ragno Ceramiche*, draws inspiration from the majolica tradition - featuring imperfect, slightly beveled edges and a glazed finish that gives the collection a distinctive, handcrafted aesthetic. The 4"x4" white-body ceramic tile collection offers a variety of neutral shades as well as bright hues.
industrieceramiche.com

6. *American Olean's* new *Crafter* porcelain tile collection showcases a concrete look taken from the visuals of the fibers found in craft paper. The assortment includes large-format tiles in five colors, as well as corresponding 8" hex ceramic decos that create a 3D effect. All of the tiles have a matte finish and feature *StepWise* technology for tile that is 50% more slip resistant than ordinary tile, notes the firm.
americanolean.com





7. From **GEOTiles** comes Ambero, a super polished tile line that displays bold veining in vivid detail and coloring. The large format porcelain tile – available in 48"×48", 24"×48", 12"×24" and 24"×24" sizes – is offered in Viola (shown) and Nero, and is fireproof and durable, according to the company.
geotiles.com

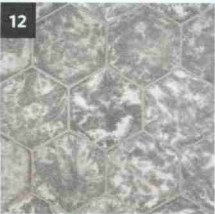
8. A new ceramic tile collection by **Walker Zanger** is made from Spanish dry press bisque with a high-gloss finish. Each Emerson Lake tile is hand painted in the company's factory in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, a UNESCO World Heritage site with a tradition in hand-painted tile and design. The collection features a 3"×16" or 2"×12" field tile and demi bullnose trim in four colors: Fawn (beige), Shadow (blue), Rockwell (gray) and Terrace (white).
walkerzanger.com

9. The beauty of marble is reflected in **Daltile's** new Perpetuo porcelain tile collection. Elegant marble designs in five timeless colors are included in the line, which features 8" hexagon decorative accents.
daltile.com



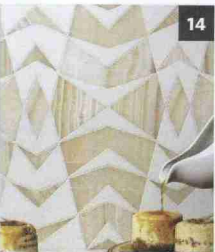
10. Made in the U.S., **Florida Tile's** East Village HDP is a porcelain floor and wall tile that consists of 40% pre-consumer, recycled content. The large-format hexagon field tiles and distinctive mixed hex mosaic come in a range of neutral tones, including Potter's Red Clay, Avenue A Gray and Stuyvesant Charcoal. The tile is manufactured in the company's Green Squared certified Advanced Manufacturing Center.
floridatile.com

11. **Ranieri** produces authentic Italian lava stone surfaces from Mt. Vesuvius, with one-of-a-kind colored glazing. The gray lava stone tiles are coated with an enamel glaze and fired at a very high temperature to increase the material's high resistance to temperature fluctuations, exposure to water and UV light. The craquele effect on the tile is a physical consequence of the glazing process.
ranierilavastone.com

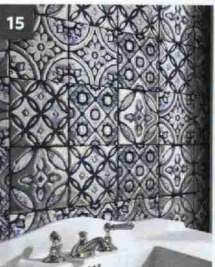


12. **Granada Tile's** Olvera Collection is cement tile's answer to stone, terracotta and Saltillo tiles, according to the firm. Olvera is available in 68 shapes and patterns, 29 new colors, and three texture options. The Limestone finish evokes natural stone, while Vecchio delivers a weathered look with more color variation. The Smooth finish evokes that in both look and touch.
granadatile.com

13. Multiplier mosaic porcelain tile by **Crossville** is a versatile collection of in-demand colors and shapes for modern design. Three colors – Dark Grey, Grey and White – are offered in gloss and matte finishes. The mosaic tile is available in three shapes: square, penny round and hex.
crossvilleinc.com



14. **Artistic Tile's** Mumbai Diamond tile features a design inspired by an ornate chair in the lobby of the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel. Its strong, angular beauty presents the rich South Asian decorative traditions through the lens of Art Deco, notes the company. The mosaic is available in two colorways – Vanilla Onyx and Thassos in a mixed finish, and Black in Lilac and Nero marble in a honed finish.
artistictile.com



15. Metal reflections and intense chromatic brightness are the hallmark of the Flora Tiles collection of porcelain stoneware wall coverings. The tiles, from **Devon&Devon**, are inspired by the material beauty of bronze, copper and glass and the organic shapes of traditional decorations. The tiles, characterized by irregular surfaces, are offered in White Musk, Black Ground, Blu Spring and Brown Garden.
devon-devon.com

16. Crystal Sky is a crystal onyx-look color that reflects the appearance of natural marble in a porcelain tile. Part of **Ariostea's** Marmi Classici collection, the tile is available in 120"×60" and 60"×60" sizes. In this bath, the polished finish of the large-format tile brings out the distinctive grain on the wall.
ariostea-high-tech.com

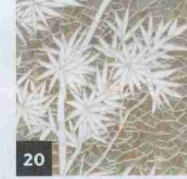
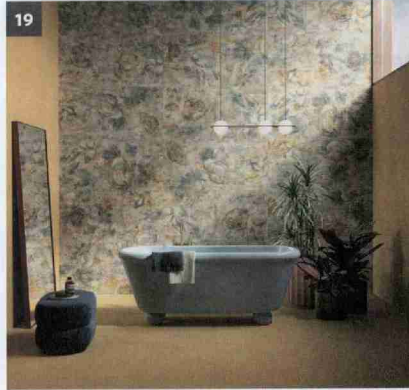
17. From **Nemo Tile & Stone** comes the new Wyatt Collection, an antiqued and eclectic wood-look porcelain tile with a slightly worn appearance. Available in four colors and five formats, including an 8" x48" chevron, Wyatt provides the look of wood with the durability of porcelain, notes the company. nemotile.com



18. **MSI** has added four new colors to its Brickstone porcelain tile collection: Cobble (shown), Fog, Charcoal and Putty. The 2" x20" reclaimed brick-inspired tiles provide a range of surface solutions for floors, backsplashes and even shower surrounds, notes the firm. msisurfaces.com



19. Inspired by industrial cement flooring, **Timeline** by **Ceramica del Conca** is softened by an intriguing range of colors and graphics. The tiles, which can be used in indoor and outdoor spaces, now come in yellow, earth and blue, in addition to gray, white, greige and taupe. The Botanical pattern has also been added to the line, with large flowers in a pattern that is a cross between a carpet and wallpaper, in hues that correspond to the existing solid color tiles. delconca.com



20. Working in collaboration, Gracie's intricate, handpainted wallpapers were interpreted into mosaics tile designs by **New Ravenna**. Five Gracie designs were chosen, including French Deco, an elegant motif of trees drawn from the work of Parisian designer Armand-Albert Rateau. The silver-leaf in the wallpaper was replicated with antiqued mirror and hand-cut jewel glass in the mosaic, shown in jewel Absolute White and honed Dawn Mirror. newravenna.com

21. The design of **Tesselle's** Arroyo 8" Cement Tiles is based on a photo taken by Karin Jeske in a verdant riverbed. Available in stock in three colors - Esperanza (shown), Creosote and Rambla - Arroyo can also be customized in any of the 100 colors in the Tesselle palette. tesselle.com



22. Earthtech/ is the new **Florim** collection, and it features a tactile design and name that represents its multi-faceted nature: earth as a timeless material and as a planet to respect and protect, and tech as innovation and high performance. The colored-body ceramic product is created from mixing of small fragments and pigments in different shades that are preselected, ranging from grays to yellow and red-orange. usa.florim.com

23. **Arklam** has collected samples from nature to be reproduced in detail in its large-format products. This includes its new Calacatta Paonazzo series, which accurately reflects the oxidation of real marble by using special inks in the manufacturing process. The collection is available in 12mm and 20mm, as well as in 6mm thickness. arklam.es



24. From **Grespania** comes Coverlam's Tivoli series, an ultra-thin porcelain inspired semi-precious stones. The large-format tile features directional veining and a variety of chromatic motifs that help ensure each piece resembles a mineral or precious stone, notes the firm. Available in two colors - white and amber - the tiles are 5.6mm thick and are offered in three sizes. grespania.com

25. **Motawi Tileworks** designed this statement-making backsplash to feature two of its Midcentury-Modern style offerings: Floating Spheres art tiles in Avocado and Outie Circle relief tiles in Granite. Motawi Tileworks makes hand-crafted and historically inspired ceramic tile, and specializes in Art Nouveau, Arts and Crafts, and Midcentury Modern aesthetics. motawi.com



26. Celestial glass tiles from **Island Stone** display a subtle metallic bling, with the dimension of the glass infusing extra depth to evoke the feeling of a starry night sky, notes the firm. The line includes four colors - Moon Beam, Dusk, Dark Star and Galaxy Blue - with a gloss finish. Celestial glass tiles can be used for dry applications and come in 3½" x12" subway tiles. islandstone.com