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The Perfect Coverup

This spring's new architectural surfaces are both handsome and high-performing.

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Macro

Casalgrande Padana's Macro has the appearance of terrazzo, with its exaggerated stone pattern on a white, gray, dark gray, or black background—but it's actually made of porcelain. Suitable for both wall and floor applications, the slabs are easy to clean and specifiable in ¼" to ½" thicknesses and in formats up to 46½" by 93".

casalgrandepadana.com



The New World Collection

Interior designer Sasha Bikoff journeys from the aesthetics of 17th-century Europe to modern-day America in these handcrafted stone-mosaic tiles. The compositions, for example, include two vintage American bandana patterns (above), a floral design evoking Renaissance-era lace, and a reproduction of a 17th-century Dutch cartographer's map painting. The lace and bandana designs are 1' square while the Atlas Maior mural is made to measure.

newravenna.com



Cursive Wall Tile

Geometry, color, and modularity coalesce in Crossville's new wall-tile collection, ensuring unlimited combinations and layouts. The tiles come in a square, triangle, circle, demilune, and two rectangular shapes in popular colors such as Rose Gold, Charcoal, and Soft Teal. Coordinating corner pieces are available to frame the circle and demilune tiles. All tiles have a glossy finish.

crossvilleinc.com

Yakedo

Manufacturer Emser collaborated with Gensler on this porcelain tile series that replicates the look and feel of Japanese *shou sugi ban*, a burning technique that preserves timber surfaces. Available in 8" x 47" planks with a ¾" thickness, the tiles come in five colorways and a matte finish. Yakedo can be used for walls, shower floors, kitchen counters, and exterior walls, among other applications.

emser.com



Spindrift Marble Nebula

In a twist, Island Stone's Spindrift Marble mosaic tiles are composed of organically shaped slices of marble to mimic a bed of river stones. Inspired by the natural process of metamorphosis—during which rocks transform as they are subjected to heat and pressure—one of the collection's new colorways, Nebula, features swirls, blots, and textures recalling fossil imprints and traces of the elements in a gray, white, and black palette.

islandstone.com