



Tile Everywhere

Basic to kitchen and bath, versatile tile shows up in unexpected places.

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1. BUNNIES LEFT & RIGHT

Surrounded by fiddlehead ferns, sparkleberries, and morning glories, the Briar Rabbit panel is finished in proprietary glazes. Rabbit tiles are 6" x 8" each, while the sparkleberry panels are 2" x 8". As shown, \$831.52. Terra Firma, (803) 643-9399, terrafirmarttile.com

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2. MOUNTAIN TRIPTYCH

Tile murals may be part of an architectural installation, or freestanding art. Depicting an alpine scene in muted glaze colors, "Solitude" is a handmade, three-tile set. It's 7 1/2" high by 18" wide and may be customized. \$225. Ravenstone Tiles, (360) 379-6951, ravenstonetiles.com

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3. NATURE'S TILE

The handmade tile in the Dogwood Leaves and Berries surround is a custom installation from artist Suzanne Crane. The deco tiles are impressed with natural plant specimens while the clay is still wet. Surround about \$1,450. Suzanne Crane Fine Stoneware, (434) 973-7943, artscraftspotteryandtiles.com

4. THE NUMBERED ONES

Handmade of ceramic stoneware, the Tudor Revival-style house-number and decorative end tiles withstand all weather and mount to wood, masonry, and composite surfaces. In blue or brown, they measure 6" high x 3" wide. \$23 each. Oak Park Home & Hardware, (773) 836-3606, oakparkhome-hardware.com

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5. HUES OF CALIFORNIA

Made for a 1928 Spanish Colonial, a star-shaped fountain features *cuerda seca* (raised line) and *cuenca* (resist line) tiles. Square Leaf Medallion (perimeter), Winged Circle and Small Chevron Border (pool). \$16-\$25 each. Native Tile, (310) 533-8684, nativetile.com

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6. IT'S A CINCH

Not all tile is ceramic: Brighten the bath with easy-to-install Marmoleum Click Cinch LOC laminate tiles. The water-repellent 12" x 12" tiles are sound absorbing, have a 2.5 mm wear layer, and go down quickly without glue. \$5.49 to \$5.99 per square foot. Forbo Flooring Systems, (570) 459-0771, forboflooringna.com

7. HEADBANGER LAMP

The Woodpecker lamp has a painted base made by the Workshops of David T. Smith and a Motawi tile from a design by American minimalist artist Charley Harper. One of three available styles, the lamp measures 26" high x 15 1/4" wide. \$495. Charley Harper Art Studio, (513) 522-0545, charleyharperstudio.com



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8. ARTISTS' PATTERNS

Rosemoor on Snape is part of a new collection of ceramic tile "bricks" inspired by English country gardens. The tiles are crafted by artists near Devon, England, and measure 6" wide x 3" high x 3/8" thick. \$5.95 each. Winchester Tile Company, (508) 507-6228, winchestertiles.com

9. SHADOW AND RELIEF

Grasmere is composed of two tiles—one concave, one with piercings and cutouts—fused together for a two-dimensional effect. Remarkably, the 6" x 6" tiles are fired only once so the lead-free glaze bonds with the clay. \$210. Tudor Tile, (360) 647-2596, tudortile.com



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10. BATCHELDER REVIVAL

Originally patented by Ernest Batchelder, the uniquely shaped Stonehammer field and deco pavers are unglazed, high-fired stoneware. Use the 6" x 6" tiles indoors or out, on floors, patios, entries, or fireplaces. Field tiles \$16.50 per sq. ft. Decos \$23.60 each. Heritage Tile, (888) 387-3280, heritagetile.com