

# The Coverings Connection

## News From the Tile & Stone Industry



### Tiles Help Restore Coral Reefs

You may know that ceramic tile can be used just about anywhere inside and outside your home or business, but even we were surprised to learn that tiles are now flourishing on the seafloor as a solution for coral restoration.

#### Remarkable Restoration



#### Designing With Spanish Tile

The variety of patterns, range of colors, and blend of options that can be found in Spanish ceramic collections allows us to play with the visual perception of a space and achieve elaborate effects. Thus, by experimenting with the placement of pieces in a specific area of the floor or wall we can attain an exclusive result adapted to our taste. Here are five styles of ceramic motifs that have become increasingly popular in residential design.

#### Motif Relief



#### 2020 Fall-Winter Italian Tile Trend Report

Italian manufacturers continue to invent new designs and invest in technologies to keep expanding the versatility and value proposition of ceramics. After all, Italian ceramic tile is prized for its functionality – durability, ease of maintenance, hygiene, water and frost resistance – as much as its aesthetics. In terms of design, this season's trends can be summed up in three words: natural, colorful, and playful.

#### On Trend



### Vetter Stone: A Bedrock Family Tradition

Vetter limestone clads landmark buildings throughout the region, including the 57-story, art deco Wells Fargo Center, the Minnesota Senate building, and the University of St. Thomas. Target Field, home to the Minnesota Twins, may be the most iconic use of Vetter Stone.

#### Family Affair



### 2020 CID Award Winner Spotlight: Hotel Bennett

With the use of ceramic, porcelain and glass tile as well as natural stone, marble, limestone and quartz solid surface material, all 100,000 square feet of this installation required dedication, planning and finesse so that the final product would be one that surpassed all expectations.

#### Checking In

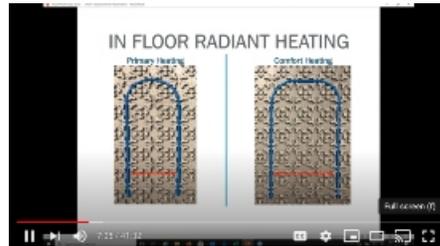


### Gauged Porcelain Tile: Our New Favorite Furniture

Gauged porcelain tile panels/slabs — porcelain tiles measuring as long as 15 feet, as wide as five feet, and as thin as 3.5 millimeters — are currently one of the trendiest surface coverings available, and we don't just mean for flooring and walls.

These big and beautiful tiles are also becoming a popular option for furnishings of all kinds.

#### Playing Favorites



### NTCA Recorded Webinar: In-Floor Radiant Heating

Advances in radiant in-floor heating systems have focused on energy efficiency, making the installation easier and pricing more reasonable. This has led to the continued growth and popularity of in-floor heating systems. These systems can be a nice add-on feature for tile installations, but some installers are not aware of all that is involved with the installation.

#### Warm Up



### Using Pantone's Colors of the Year and Natural Stone to

## Create Tranquil Spaces

Creating warm and inviting spaces involves more than just choosing furniture or fixtures. The products we use, from the colors we paint our walls to the natural stone we choose for our kitchen or bathrooms, impact the overall well-being of our spaces. In recent years, color trends have shifted from the cool neutrals and maximalist hues dominating the 2010's to the richer colors of today. The trend forecast for 2021 will see colors that are rooted in nature, invoke respite and joy in our homes and spaces.

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