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Instead of Money, This Portuguese 'Bank' Safeguards 27,000 Hand-Painted Tiles

Faced with growing threats to its architectural heritage, the Portuguese city of Porto made an unusual choice: It opened a bank. The Banco de Materiais (Bank of Materials) is home to tens of thousands of azulejos—the painted, glazed ceramic tiles that cover the exteriors of buildings across Portugal. In varying shades of blue, maroon, and honey gold, they often depict ornate floral patterns or simple geometric repetition. Sometimes, entire mosaics of intricately painted tiles display scenes from Portuguese history. The city has been collecting lost and damaged azulejos for more than 25 years.

[You Can Bank On It](#)



The Spanish Tile Industry Develops A New Sector-Specific Environmental Product Declaration

ASCER has announced the development of a sectorial Environmental Product Declaration (EPD). The technical work has been developed by the Institute of Ceramic Technology (ITC), and the EPD has been registered under the GlobalEPD system of AENOR.

[I Do Declare](#)



NTCA Apprenticeship Guidelines Program Approved by U.S. Department of Labor

The National Tile Contractors Association (NTCA) has received formal acceptance into the National Apprenticeship System from the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL). The NTCA Apprenticeship Guidelines Program is designed to provide members an opportunity to attract new skilled labor into the ceramic tile industry.

[Mad Skills](#)



CC Owen Tile Company Talks Tile Installation Excellence at Coverings

One of the highlights of Coverings is bringing together tile installation and design expertise to create the impossible under tight deadlines. During Coverings 2019 in Orlando, this event was part of the newly expanded Installation & Design Experience incorporated into the NTCA booth and included three vignettes.

Tile Talk



Ceramic Tile Respects Our Environment and Health

If you are looking for a sustainable material for covering the floors, walls and bathroom and kitchen countertops in your home, then ceramic is the perfect choice. Made from natural raw materials using low environmental-impact production processes, ceramic products are eco-friendly in terms of their intrinsic characteristics and intended uses.

Go Green



How Artists Use Natural Stone to Create Timeless Sculptures

The beauty and versatility of natural stone are among the many reasons homeowners and builders gravitate to the material for their projects. Artists often are drawn to stone for similar reasons.

I ❤️ Stone



Relive the Top Show Floor Sessions from Coverings 2019

Access exclusive content streamed live from Coverings 2019. Gain access to 55+ sessions on an array of topics including social media marketing, tile trends, installation techniques and so much more.

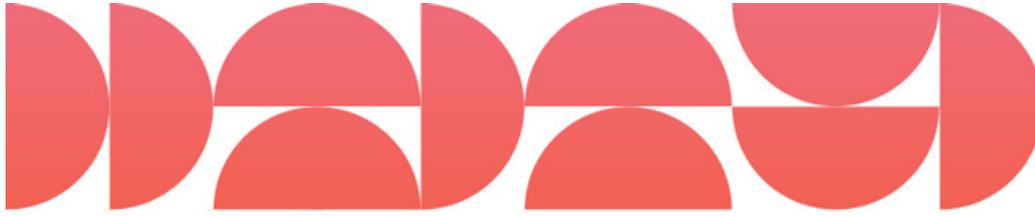
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Tile Trends We Love: Blue Backsplash Tile

Ceramic tile has been around for thousands of years, and we still haven't exhausted all the tile style possibilities. Most recently, we've seen blue backsplash tile trending on Pinterest and Instagram, and we are amazed by the number of diverse and creative options in this style. Looking to add a *beautiful blue backsplash* to your home? Check out these unique looks that incorporate the three Bs.

Feeling Blue



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