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Tile of Spain Manufacturers Present Top Micro-Trends That Will Shape Architectural and Interior Design in 2021

This year, Spanish tile manufacturers worked harder than ever to craft new ranges of ceramics to meet the needs of the rapidly evolving landscape of interior and exterior

design. With a hyperaware focus on creating collections that foster safe and sustainable environments, manufacturers utilized production techniques that fuse the functional qualities of ceramic materials with the versatility of graphic design.

Tile Style



Excavations Reveal Ancient Roman Mosaic Floor Beneath Italian Vineyard

Excavations have **uncovered an intricate Roman mosaic floor** a few meters underneath a vineyard in northern Italy. Traces of an ancient Roman villa were first discovered near the town of Negrar di Valpolicella nearly a century ago in 1922. Attempts to uncover the villa continued over the decades, with a new round of excavations beginning in the summer of 2019.

Dig Deep



The Latest Flooring Idea: Staggered Tile Transitions

Staggered tile is one of the hottest new flooring designs. We've explored some beautiful options for this popular trend that are sure to give you a one-of-a-kind look!

Staggered tile transitions are somewhat new to the flooring scene, so you may not be familiar with what is meant by staggered floor tile. Simply put, staggered floor tile designs transition from one tile style to another tile style (or another flooring type).

Mission Transition



From the Chemistry Lab to the Kitchen: Soapstone Offers Much More Than a Passing Grade

When Stacy Garcia's daughter and son-in-law decided to remodel their kitchen, they naturally chose her parents to design and build the project. Michael and Stacy Garcia are the owners of Garcia Cabinet Makers in Valley Center, California, a custom cabinetry business known for fine design and craftsmanship. For the countertops, Stacy's daughter chose a material that was near and dear to her heart: Alberene Soapstone.

We Give it an A+



When the Façade Module Meets Porcelain

In modern architecture, especially urban architecture with its constraints of large heights, confined spaces and a rationalised approach to living and building, the concept of the "cell" or elementary module has found a new ally in ceramic slabs. One example is the Design2Curtain joint project between Florim and Schüco Italia, the Italian subsidiary of the well-known multinational window, door and façade solutions manufacturer.

Joint Venture



Case Study: Examining the Extraordinary Design of the Bitxo House

Built into the gentle hills of Avia, Spain, Bitxo House, by Lagula Architectes, sits quietly – almost seamlessly – among the surroundings of this Barcelona suburb. While its outward appearance blends in with the simplicity of the rural neighborhood, the interior is anything but ordinary...

Take the Tour



Why Hire an NTCA Five-Star Contractor?

NTCA Members who acquire Five-Star Company Recognition status must complete a comprehensive application that demonstrates a proven track record of success in tile and stone installation and business management.

Help Wanted



Historic Tile Installation Inspirations

The Tile Heritage Foundation, in collaboration with Coverings, co-produced this and other inspirational videos on historic tile installations in the United States and around the world.

Grab Your Passport



Reconnect at Coverings This July

Coverings 2021 is taking place July 7-9 in the North Hall of the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida. Attending Coverings is one of the most efficient ways to keep up with the latest trends in the tile & stone industry, source new products, reconnect with colleagues, and learn from free accredited learning opportunities – all at no cost. Make plans now to attend.

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