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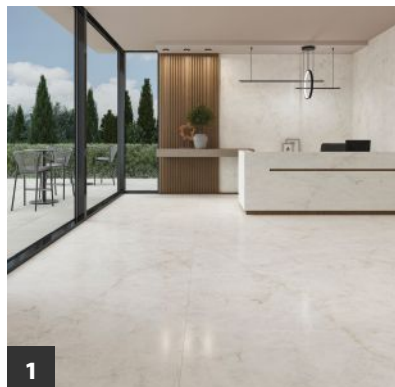
# Traffic Stop

**JUST AS A** carpet of green grass or crystal clear water is a feast for the eyes and beg for bare feet to experience the sensation outside, the right flooring inside showcases colors and patterns that visually dance and a tactile feel that warms the heart. While durability is often a top concern when choosing a flooring material, for today's offerings wearability is almost a given. This leads to a range of choices that is seemingly endless.

Leading the charge are nature-based designs, with hardwood floors with distinctive grains and luxury vinyl tile that mimics the look of real wood in high demand. Natural stone is also a desired aesthetic, though actual stone is often replaced by ceramics and porcelains that display the colors and variations associated with it while delivering better wear.

Patterns and texture are also garnering attention, with cement looks and painted patterns making a statement everywhere from the outdoor patio to the laundry room. Undulating surfaces, soft feel and slip resistance are all part of the current offerings in flooring.

On this and the next two pages, *Kitchen & Bath Design News* highlights some of the latest flooring products for the home, with some suitable for both indoors and outdoor use.



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**1.** Daltile's Opalite offers a cream background and veining, with gentle white, light gray and barely-there bronze accents throughout. Opalite is available in both 6mm and 12mm, with matte and polished finishes, and 10'6" long x 5'3" wide porcelain slabs.

[daltile.com](http://daltile.com)

**2.** The Micra collection from Vives consists of a wide variety of porcelain tiles and wall tiles with uneven pieces, from excesses of color and graphics to the most neutral tones. Its aesthetic is based on an intense palette of colored cements inlaid with tiny fragments of different intensities.

[vivesceramica.com](http://vivesceramica.com)

**3.** The latest addition to ABKstone's Sensi range, the Sensi 900 collection includes several classic marble looks such as Bianco Carrara, Stone Grey and Precious Black. In addition, the line offers more decorative marble slabs – Oyster Gold and Oyster White – as well as Venezia Nuvola, a terrazzo-inspired look. Sensi 900 is further enhanced by the brand's new Antique 3D finish that creates a tactile, highly variegated surface effect.

[abkstone.com](http://abkstone.com)

**4.** Quartz from GAYAFORES is a quartzite stone-style porcelain tile collection inspired by a trend that leads to 'Meta-Sensible' interiors, hybrid spaces that achieve a subtle balance between the real world and idealized environments, notes the firm. Quartz's natural textured design approximates a pure quartz rock, the company adds.

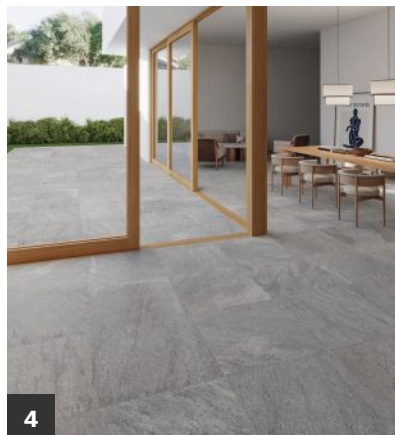
[gayafores.es](http://gayafores.es)

**5.** Italian Landscape from Ceramica Fioranese is designed in collaboration with the 23Bassi Architecture Firm. Available in a matte 8"x8" square format, the porcelain tiles feature stylized graphic motifs inspired by the landscape symbols of three Italian cities; Florence, L'Aquila and Siena. The collection comes in three chromatic blue and pink palettes and four decorative motifs meant to be mixed and matched.

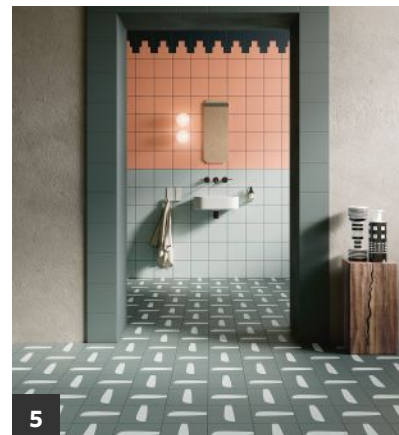
[fioranese.it](http://fioranese.it)

**6.** With a varied texture, Bierzo limestone provides the inspiration for the Bierzo collection from GRES PANIA. The company's new '3DTechnology' is applied to create the effect of stone that has aged over time and has been honed or worn down through use to give a matte polished look. Bierzo comes in four natural colors – Ivory, Pearl, Grey and Mocha – and three formats – 120x120, 60x120 and 80x80 cm, all of them rectified.

[grespania.com](http://grespania.com)



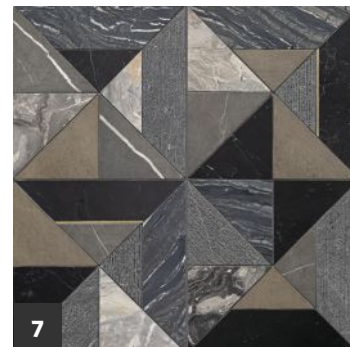
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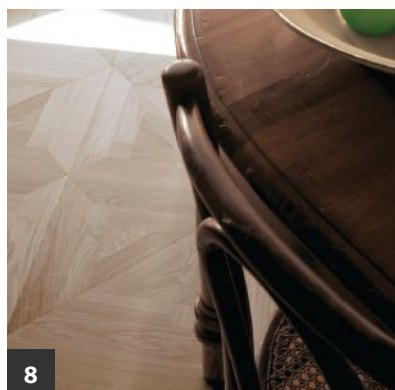
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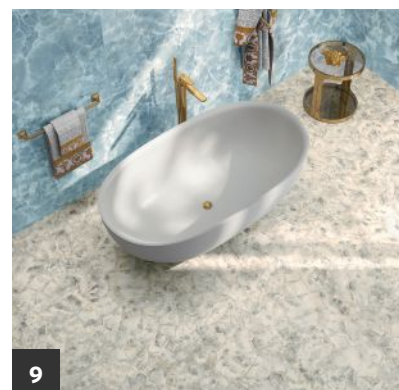
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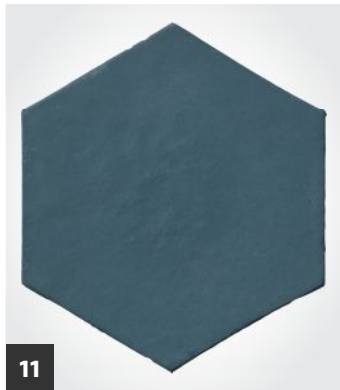
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**7. Artistic Tile's** Westwind features blends of stone cut into a mosaic of triangles and bisected pyramids. Westwind Black is comprised of honed Grey Fousana limestone and Grafite, Arabescato Orobico and Silverwave marbles, with textured Nero marble and linear brass accents. Westwind Lilac includes Bianco Dolomiti, Lilac, Calacatta Gold and Bianco Carrara marbles and Cloud limestone, all honed, plus textured Bianco Carrara, with brushed stainless steel as accent. [artistictile.com](http://artistictile.com)

**8.** Inspired by the ancient art of cabinetmakers and manufactured with the most modern techniques, the **Devon&Devon's** Intarsia Collection of 60"x60" laminated oak floorings are available in different geometric configurations and six color variations. The Light, White, Old, Navy, Black and Gray finishes are all made with painting techniques. [devon-devon.com](http://devon-devon.com)

**9.** The Gemstone collection from **Versace Ceramics** is inspired by the most elegant semi-precious stones from areas all around the world, according to the company. The large-format surfaces embrace organic forms and sophisticated colors and materials, from eye-catching onyx hues and deep crystal shades, the firm adds. [versace-tiles.com](http://versace-tiles.com)

**10.** Beljn by **Crossville** evokes the history of Belgium, where its stone inspiration is found, but with a contemporary look. The porcelain tile is available in five hues and two finishes: unpolished, which features Crossville's FeatherSoft Finish, and a bush-hammered style exterior finish designed for outdoor spaces. Sizes range from traditional 12"x24" to 24"x48". Square and brick mosaics are also available. [crossvilleinc.com](http://crossvilleinc.com)

**11.** Consisting of glazed terra cotta tiles, mosaics and trims in five distinct designs, Traces Terra Cotta Collection from **Country Floors** defines organic modern interior design. Its minimalist colors are inspired by the subtle tones of white, beige, brown and blue that saturate the Greek islands of the Mediterranean. The glazed finish offers a handmade, artisanal look, notes the firm. [countryfloors.com](http://countryfloors.com)

**12.** Imola Ceramica has expanded its The Room collection with four new patterns - Tiffany Green, Calacatta Oyster, Onice Aragosta and Breccia Phoenix - inspired by the most exotic marbles around the world. The slabs are available in 24"x24", 24"x48", 48"x48" and 48"x102" and can be used for flooring, wall coverings and other options. [imolaceramica.com](http://imolaceramica.com)

**13.** Quarried in Sicily, **Akdo's** Ceppo is a brecciated marble comprised of muted beige and taupe gray colors with a hint of peach and soft green. Available in large surface formats of 12"x24" and 18"x36", these marble tiles are designed for both floor and wall applications. [akdo.com](http://akdo.com)

**14.** Marvel, from **Arizona Tile**, is a rectified color body porcelain inspired by the precious marbles of Italian tradition. Each marble of reference is realistically reproduced with the stone's pure colors, natural veins, intense shades and transparent clouding, notes the firm. Marvel is available in matte and polished finishes in 12"x24", 24"x24", and 24"x48". [arizonatile.com](http://arizonatile.com)

**15.** The Laurel Collection is **MSI's** new, next-generation Luxury Vinyl Plank line from Everlife. Pet-friendly, stain-resistant and waterproof, the collection features extra wide 9"x48" planks with warm, blond and light brown tones, and the 5mm thickness and 20MIL CrystaLux Ultra proprietary coating makes them durable, states the firm. [msisurfaces.com](http://msisurfaces.com)

**16.** Bruce's Comfortstone Engineered Stone Tile features the look of natural stone and ceramic. It is designed and printed in Pennsylvania and the stone is quarried and assembled in Illinois. Since it is waterproof, it can be used in high-moisture areas, including kitchens, bathrooms and laundry rooms. Comfortstone is FloorScore certified for low VOC emissions, and its comfortable surface makes the tiles warmer to the touch and more comfortable underfoot, according to the company. [bruce.com](http://bruce.com)

**17.** The Elly Collection from **Livden** features an eclectic mix of colors and patterns reflected in tile. The collection is comprised of three different designs, including Modern Solstice-Starlet, with clean, curving lines and intricate textured details. The Starlet pattern is available in three colors on Livden's Chunky Terrazzo tile body.

[livden.com](http://livden.com)

**18.** Printemps, a waterjet stone mosaic (shown in honed Celeste, Light Bardiglio and Thassos), is part of the Ville Lumière Collection by Caroline Beaupère for **New Ravenna**. Inspired by the Art Nouveau stained-glass cupola of the Printemps department store in Paris, the collection includes nine designs in natural stone and jewel glass with 24k gold accents.

[newravenna.com](http://newravenna.com)

**19.** Calacatta Black, from **Laminam's** Diamond Series, is now available in the new Polished Starlit finish as well as the Bocciardato finish. The Polished Starlit finish is characterized by its stardust effect created from a formula based on quartz powder. Calacatta Black emulates the refinement of black marble while infusing subtle hints of beige. With various formats and thicknesses, it is suitable for an array of applications.

[laminam.com](http://laminam.com)

**20.** The Geode hexagonal floor tile from **Decocer** is inspired by natural stones in brown and beige tones. Decocer has designed the ceramic floor tile in the 17.5x20 cm (7"x8") format. They are all different pieces with sweeps of varied shades.

[decocer.com](http://decocer.com)

**21.** **ANN SACKS** has introduced a white colorway in a new mosaic and three patterns - Happy, Flamed and Grooved - to Laurelhurst, a porcelain collection that can be used indoors or out. The larger format field tiles - Happy, Flamed, Grooved, Hammered and Penny Gloss - are offered in 24"x48" sizes; Natural in 12"x24" and 24"x48" sizes; Cracked in 24"x24" and 24"x28" sizes; the Mixed Field in a 3"x24" plank size, and a 1"x1.5" netted mosaic.

[annsacks.com](http://annsacks.com)

**22.** The PRESTG XL Collection from HFLOR by **LX Hausys America Inc.**, features three distinct wood designs, in extra-large planks of luxury vinyl tile. Each design consists of four wood patterns reflective of their style's name. Modern Minimalist features lighter wood tones, softened grains and refined textures. Coastal features sun-kissed wood tone looks. Legacy has brushed texture and warm earthy tones. Created with C-EIR, the company's embossing technique, the tiles provide a realistic feel, the firm reports.

[lxhausys.com](http://lxhausys.com)

**23.** **American Olean's** new Clarasea collection of glazed porcelain floor tile and glazed ceramic mosaics celebrates the spirit of Art Deco that rose to prominence during the 1920s. Clarasea offers geometric designs drizzled with metallic accents on 8"x8" porcelain floor tile. Complete the ensemble with marble-look mosaics.

[americanolean.com](http://americanolean.com)

**24.** With the Raster collection from **WOW Design**, the tiles are divided into horizontal parallel lines, creating rectangles and squares of varied sizes. These patterns, etched directly into the surface of the tiles, can all be mixed and matched, since they fit in geometrically with one another, to create modern patterns and grid-like designs. The 15x15cm tiles come in a choice of geometrical patterns and colors.

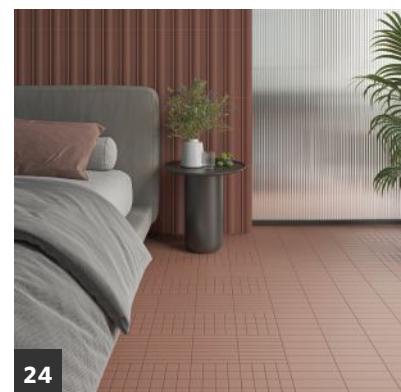
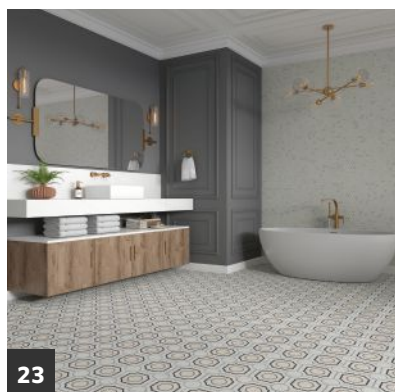
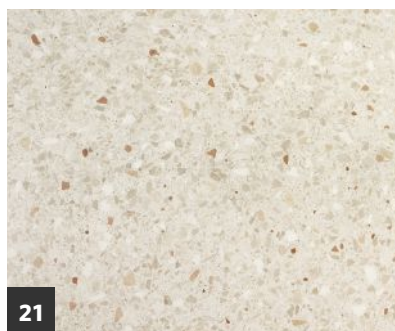
[wowdesigneu.com](http://wowdesigneu.com)

**25.** The distinct waves on each tile of **Portobello America's** VIVANT Collection mimic brushstrokes from Impressionist Artists, states the firm. These on-trend, retro-inspired small format tiles have matte or glossy finishes, and LIGNE relief pieces to offer a versatile palette.

[portobelloamerica.com](http://portobelloamerica.com)

**26.** EcoStone marks **MILE®stone's** first collection featuring 48"x110" as a carbon neutral offering. This collection pays homage to travertine, with two distinctive finishes, inspired by different cutting techniques: cross-cut and vein-cut. There is a highlight on the various uses of gauged tile without sacrificing sustainability.

[milestonetiles.com](http://milestonetiles.com)





**FUTURISM-INSPIRED KITCHEN FAUCETS**

The new Futurismo kitchen faucet collection from **GRAFF** offers sleek silhouettes combined with high performance. Inspired by the Futurism movement, the faucet features spiral detailing to evoke natural forms and curves, as well as enhanced functionality with its 1800cm pull-out sprayer and built-in magnetic locking mechanism, notes the firm. The faucets are available in finishes including Polished Brass, Polished Nickel and Onyx, with dual-tone finishes available. [graff-designs.com](http://graff-designs.com)

**MATTE BLACK RANGE HOODS**

**Falmec** has announced that two of its currently available range hoods, the Polar Range Hood and the Plane Range Hood, are now available in the company's new matte black finish. Polar makes a bold statement with a dynamic cylindrical design and ambient LED lighting, while the linear Plane offers both style and convenience with its removable and washable top filter. [falmec.com](http://falmec.com)



**SLIM DETAILED CABINETS**

Two new door styles are available from **Huntwood Cabinets**. The Firenze and Mondono door styles straddle the line between contemporary slab and traditional shaker style cabinetry, and work well for transitional designs. The doors feature slim details to evoke a classic feel with a modern edge, and are available in a variety of wood, stain and paint options. [huntwood.com](http://huntwood.com)

**WINE DISPLAY**

With **Federal Brace's** Wine Display Shelf Rack, bottles of wine can be showcased like works of art for easy access and appreciation. The racks feature a sleek, modern design with black brackets and rod options including black, silver and gold. The steel rack can display six to nine bottles at a time, and the rods can be adjusted to accommodate bottles of different sizes and in different configurations. [federalbrace.com](http://federalbrace.com)



**UNDER-COUNTER REFRIGERATION**

Large capacity, under-counter Preserv Refrigerator Drawers by **Zephyr** provide convenient additional cold storage for snacks, beverages and more. The drawers are available in dual and single zones and are panel ready. The company's PreciseTemp temperature control technology maintains accurate temperatures and the Quick Chill feature instantly lowers overall refrigerator temperature, says the company. The full-extension, soft-close drawers feature adjustable drawer dividers to help keep contents organized and a silicone mat to prevent items from sliding. [zephyronline.com](http://zephyronline.com)



**X-SHAPED LEGS**

**Mockett's** TL74 Cross Leg features two sturdy steel beams that cross to form an X, with the mounting bar giving the illusion of a mirrored design. The legs bring a modern appeal to many different applications, including desks and dining room tables, and have a carrying capacity of 375 lbs. per leg. [mockett.com](http://mockett.com)



**WOVEN METAL HARDWARE SUITE**

**Gessi's** new Shower G collection of bath hardware and accessories is designed to celebrate rather than conceal the functional components of the shower and bath. Woven metal is showcased in the collection not only in handles and towel holders but also hinges and clamps, which can be ordered in custom sizes. Finishes including aged bronze, copper, antique brass and brushed black metal. [gessi.com](http://gessi.com)

## NEW PRODUCTS

### RETRO VANITY COLLECTION

The new Dashwood collection from **Jeffrey Alexander by Hardware Resources** offers a mid-century modern edge with clean lines and tapered legs. The vanities offer dual rollout drawers equipped with soft-close functionality, and sizes including 24", 30", 36", 42", 48" and a 60" double sink model. Available finishes include Natural Oak, Dark Walnut, Blue Steel and White, and the vanities are enhanced with pulls from Jeffrey Alexander's Sutton hardware collection. [hardwareresources.com](http://hardwareresources.com)



### SUSTAINABLE INLAID BATH FAUCET HANDLES

New from **Dornbracht**, in collaboration with Swiss sustainable design company Nature Squared, is MEM x Nature Squared, a luxe-yet-sustainable line of bath handles. The inlays are crafted from recycled materials such as eggshells and seashells. Textured patterns Dark Pen Mars-Black, Hatchet Shell Gaya-White, Mussel Shell Gaya-Blue and Black Agate Ariel are composed of seashells, while Pearl Shell Callisto in black or white is made of mother of pearl, and Eggshell Snakeskin-Black is made of eggshells. The inlays can be combined in numerous ways with Dornbracht's metal finishes. [dornbracht.com](http://dornbracht.com)

### CLASSIC CABINETRY STYLES

**Wolf Home Products** has announced the expansion of its popular Wolf Classic Cabinetry line, including three new door styles, five new paint options and one new stain. The new door styles include Waverly, a slim Shaker style; Grove, a full-overlay five-piece Shaker style, and the painted Grantley. New paint options include Cape, Silhouette, Evergreen, Goldleaf and Currant, and the new stain is Hazelnut. [wolfhomeproducts.com](http://wolfhomeproducts.com)



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