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# A THOUSAND AND ONE CERAMIC TILES

In line with fashion trends, the stylistic novelties of the latest collections seduce us from one year to the next with their variety and creativity.

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**E**legant, functional, versatile and environmentally sustainable, Italian ceramic tile is the oldest material created by man and now also the most innovative floor and wall covering. It is a product that is constantly evolving in terms of its aesthetics and functions and, thanks to modern technologies, is available in a wide range of sizes, colours, decorations and surfaces. It is able to meet the most varied requirements of contemporary architecture, whether for use in commercial or industrial spaces, urban design or exterior cladding. In the domestic environment, its characteristics of wear resistance, ease of maintenance and durability of colours and decorations make it irreplaceable not only in the bathroom and the kitchen – applications where it has always reigned supreme – but also in the other rooms in the home where its use far exceeds that of other types of covering materials. It is ideal for lending uniformity to spaces and its frost resistance makes it suitable for interior and exterior use. It is particularly suited to remodelling projects because its thickness of just a few millimetres enables it to be installed over existing surfaces.

## FROM MINI TO EXTRA LARGE

The biggest revolution in today's ceramic tile sector is the enormous variety of sizes that are now available. Increasingly flexible and





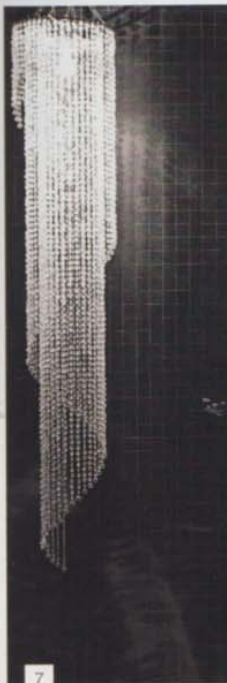
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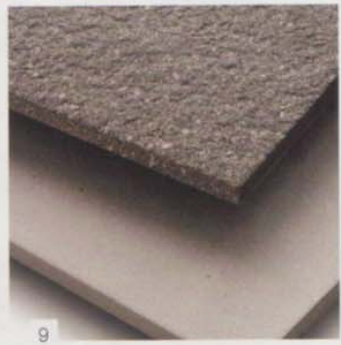
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1. **Hellenium**, by Majorca. Porcelain tile, 50x50 cm size. 2. **Sangallo**, by Gabbianelli (Gruppo Altaeco). Double firing, 20x20 cm size. 3. **Infinity Stone**, by Garfloor (Gardenia Orchidea), porcelain tile, 120x120 cm slabs with 8 modular sizes. 4. **Kronos**, by Monoceram (Cooperativa Ceramica d'Imola), 50x50 cm glazed porcelain tile. 5. **Bouquet**, by Maison Sichenia (Sichenia Gruppo Ceramiche). Single fired tile, 25x60 cm size, colour green. 6. **Mauk**, by Lea Ceramiche. Series of

accents in the Slimtech Basaltina Stone Project laminated porcelain collection, designed by Diego Grandi. 7. **Leather** from Cristal Ker (Gardenia Orchidea), coarse leather version, porcelain tile, colour black. 8. **Loop**, by M.I.P.A., 60x60 cm laser-engraved terrazzo sheet designed by M+A+Pdesignstudio. 9. **Macro**, by Klinkersire, range of 10 tiles in a 30x60.5 and 24.5x24.5 cm size. 10. **Filo**, by Laminam®. Porcelain tile, colour Oro (gold).

versatile, tiles come in sizes ranging from small mosaics with a side length of just a centimetre through to ultra-large tiles (100x100 cm, 100x150 cm and even 100x300 cm). In-between there is a staggering array of shapes and sizes that meet design needs of any kind. Mosaic is staging a big comeback and is now available preassembled in large-format sheets, making it easier to install than the traditional individual pieces. Ideal for use on walls and floors in bathrooms and spas, it creates atmospheres reminiscent of ancient Roman thermal baths and meets an increasingly widespread desire for wellness. At the other end of the spectrum we find porcelain tile, far and away the material with greatest resistance and ease of maintenance, now

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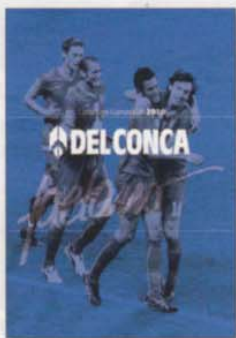
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