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New tiles lead the way in kitchen and bath design trends

hen the time comes to design or renew kitchens and baths, one thing is certain – the tile will require replacement. And, this is an exciting time to shop for tiles. New products and styles abound, from all over the world, in glass, terra cotta, metal, stone, leather and, of course, in ceramic

Metal and leather tiles are exciting new technological trends in residential design, however, new processes and design options in traditional tile materials provide great excitement as well.

One trend worthy of note is mosaics. Some mosaics are elaborate renditions of popular nature themes while others are more geometrically interesting. Mosaics can be found, or created, to provide an artistic, upscale alternative to wallpaper in both traditional and contemporary design.

Another huge trend in tiles is combining tiles of varying size, color and material for a modern spa look or contemporary bath. Tile design includes four elements: field tile (the primary tile), accent tile, trim tile and grout. The combination of

these elements can be quite intricate, and quite costly, however contemporary, clean looks can be achieved beautifully and simply without the use of expensive

trims and accents, utilizing a clean

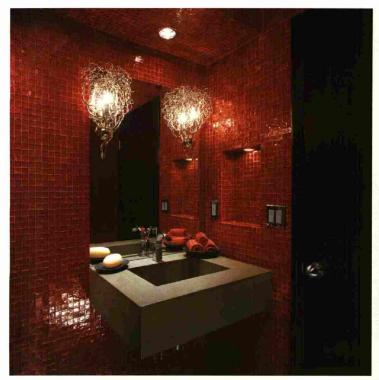
field of oversized tiles.

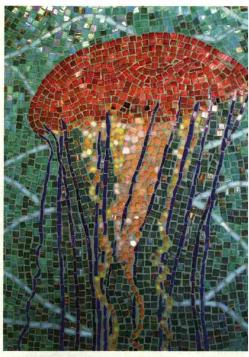


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This page Walker Zanger Metal Tech wall tiles. Available at Walker Zanger in Dania Beach and Coconut Creek.

Page D63, top Walker Zanger Vibe Oval in Orbit Blue. Available at Walker Zanger in Dania Beach and Coconut Creek.

Page D63, bottom Mizner Industries' custom-designed and hand-painted Arabesque tiles. Call 954.492.8710 or visit www.miznerindustries.com for more information.

Opposite page, top left Oceanside Glass Tessera Mosaic tiles, shown here in Red Ibid. Available at Architectural Elements in Deerfield Beach; Ceramic Matrix in Miami, Delray Beach and West Palm Beach; Innovative Surfaces in Coral Gables; Paramount Tile in Fort Lauderdale; and Walker Zanger in Dania Beach and Coconut Creek.

Opposite page, top right Todd Michael Mosaics custom creations. Call 954.548.5989 or visit www.mosaicsbytodd. com for more information.

Opposite page, center left Assorted Oceanside Glass tiles. Available at Architectural Elements in Deerfield Beach; Ceramic Matrix in Miami, Delray Beach and West Palm Beach; Innovative Surfaces in Coral Gables; Paramount Tile in Fort Lauderdale; and Walker Zanger in Dania Beach and Coconut Creek.

Opposite page, bottom left <u>Bisazza</u> Springrose Nero mosaics. Available at Expo Design Centers.

Opposite page, bottom right Shower by Allied Kitchen & Bath of Oakland Park, featuring California Gold Slate from Florida Tile.