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Contemporary tile styles embrace playful patterns and tactile textures

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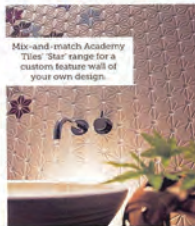
Nestling Earp Brot Qatar' tiles offer swirls of touchable texture.



When it comes to the latest tiles, there is an unlimited array of shapes, colours and sizes to choose from. "People are thinking beyond the standard rectangle," says Chris Simpson of Bespoke Tile And Stone. "Hexagonals in textured finishes and matt colours are hugely popular, as are chevron, diamond, penny round and rhomboid shapes. Rather than playing it safe, it's now all about individuality."

Making the leap from commercial applications to bespoke bathrooms, 3D tiles (above right) are increasing in popularity, thanks to their artisan look and feel, says designer Rachael Turner of The Inside Project. "They cast lovely light and shadows, and because they're beautifully tactile, you can't help but reach out and touch them," she says.

From traditional antique Moroccan motifs to retro, geometric and patchwork configurations, encaustic tiles are also super-hot right now. "They add vibrancy and personality to floors and walls, are beautiful to the touch and wonderfully durable," says Sonya Marish of Jatana Interiors. "Their pattern is created by inlaying different coloured cements into the body of the tile, so even if they get chipped or worn down, the design remains."



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Frozen Garden' 298mm x 258mm clay tiles in White, \$271.70/sqrm, Bisazza.



'Black Royal' encaustic tiles, \$165/sqrm, Jatana Interiors.



'25905 Cubic' 200mm x 200mm encaustic tiles in Black, White & Grey, \$157.30/sqrm, Bespoke Tile And Stone.