

# INSIDE

INSPIRING HOMES WITH HEART

## *dream kitchens*

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**Splashbacks & benchtops:  
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*how to* **LIVE THROUGH YOUR RENOVATION AND STAY SANE!**



1. 'Precious 77866' mosaics, \$564/sqm, Academy Tiles, academytiles.com.au. 2. 'Mono Penny Round 97707' mosaics, from \$6.30/324mm x 310mm sheet, Beaumont Tiles, beaumont-tiles.com.au.



3. 'Oxo Deco' 316mm x 900mm tiles in Bianco, \$119/sqm, Earp Bros, earp.com.au. 4. Cotto Etrusco 'Geomorfica Bianco' tiles, \$448/sqm, Elite Bathware & Tiles, elitebathware.com.au. 5. 'Blue Tango Reproduction' 200mm x 200mm cement tiles, \$165/sqm, Jatana Interiors, jatanainteriors.com.au.

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Often manufactured from a blend of clays or porcelain, the immediate appeal of tiles is the wide variety of colours and patterns available. Tiles create an impervious surface, preventing moisture damage in the bathroom and making for an easy clean up in the kitchen. Terracotta is an inexpensive, unglazed option that is generally sealed on installation to protect it from staining. Handmade tiles celebrate minor variations and give bathroom walls or kitchen splashbacks a bespoke feel.

Porcelain tiles are a higher grade ceramic that is both versatile and strong – a quality porcelain tile can be 30 per cent harder than granite. Porcelain tiles are not only durable and low maintenance, but can also replicate any surface from concrete and marble to timber and even metallics. These days, with advances in technology, innovative manufacturers are releasing cutting edge collections that range from a snakeskin-inspired feel to elephant tusk imitations.

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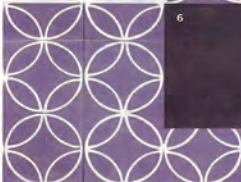
**CON** Tiles used as flooring can be cold underfoot, which can lead to the additional cost of underfloor heating in cooler climates.



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7. Le Pietre 480mm x 480mm tiles in Nera Marquinia, \$90/sqm, Di Lorenzo, dilorenzo.net.au. 7. 'Marmo Calacatta' 400mm x 800mm glazed porcelain tile, \$73.90/sqm, Harvey Norman, harveynorman.com.au. 8. Target Studio 'Funny' mosaics, \$321/sqm, Elite Bathware And Tiles, elitebathware.com.au.



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