

Tantalizing tiles

As a flooring option, tiles add style and elegance to living spaces and the wide selection of materials and colours available from TILE AFRICA create a myriad of choices to suit any décor scheme.



TRY THIS AT HOME *Take a sample home before purchasing the full stock of tiles you need. Test the tile in the environment in which it's going to be used to make sure it looks right in the lighting and is co-ordinated with the room colours. Make sure the tiles fit in with the lighting, furnishings, colours and shapes that exist in the environment.*

TOP PROJECT MANAGEMENT TIP *Buy enough tiles for the job as well as extra tiles to cater for breakages. Buy 10 percent more tiles than you calculate you need – then you don't have to worry about the supplier being out of stock if you need more during your job... or in the years to come!*



Floor tiles can safely be used for wall applications, but under no circumstances should wall tiles be used for flooring, as the body and glazing of wall tiles means it is not strong enough for foot traffic. The costs of your tiling materials is 30-40 percent of the total outlay for materials and labour of your job, with the exception of jobs using the most exclusive imported materials. The high costs of labour makes it a wise choice to buy the best quality material you can afford, and ideally a look and style that is classic and timeless. You might be able to salvage tiles to re-use in another area, but your labour costs are sunken costs. The wide range of products at Tile Africa comply with or exceed the European Standard for tiles, covering everything from warpage to water absorption, as well as stain and scratch resistance.



Porcelain tiles in neutral palettes remain popular with interior designers and architects and are a fashionable flooring choice for upmarket living spaces. TILE AFRICA offers the Purities range of large-format, polished porcelain tiles, consisting of the pure white Bianco tile and the jet black Nero tile, both 600 x 600mm in size.

Porcelain tiles are extremely durable and offer the ideal floorcovering for interior spaces where a sophisticated look is required. Tiles in neutral shades combine effortlessly with most décor styles and colour schemes and light-coloured polished porcelain tiles in bigger sizes create a marvellous sense of space, especially indoors, because of the light reflecting off the surface. 'Larger format tiles work particularly well in living rooms, spacious entrance halls and open-plan areas,' says Kate van Niekerk, marketing manager at TILE AFRICA.

The big trend is for metallic finishes on tiles. Luxurious metallic finishes in shades of gold, bronze, silver and pewter in tiles and mosaics create a slick, stylish look. Some tiles are smooth and reflective and others are subtle and weathered. 'Beautiful metallic tiles add that dramatic edge to a living space,' says Kate.

TILE AFRICA offers a wide range of tiles including ceramic, natural stone and porcelain tiles, mosaics, as well as borders and listellos. Visit any one of the 40 TILE AFRICA retail outlets nationwide where their inspirational showrooms will give you fresh new ideas for your own home.

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