



# Tile One On

New tiles lead the way in kitchen and bath design trends

When 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.

