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TILE SPECIALISTS

From mother-of-pearl and hand-stamped leather to painterly abstracts worthy of an art gallery, the once humble tile has never been more interesting. We unearth the best places in the capital and beyond to find stylish, distinctive surfaces for both walls and floors

NORTH

BIBLIOTHEQUE

Arch 2 The Viaduct, St James's Lane, N10 3QX, 020 8365 2084, bibliothèque.co.uk.

This large showroom has a wide variety of tiles on display and the quality of its products has ensured a faithful following among architects. Iridescent eco mosaics made from recycled glass, glazed porcelain, wood-effects and polished metallics feature in the regularly updated stock. Expert design advice is also on hand.

HABIBI INTERIORS

1C Greyhound Road, NW10 5QH, 020 8960 9203, habibi-interiors.com.

Embrace Moorish exoticism at this Moroccan tile specialist, which also has a second branch in south-west London. All the tiles are handmade and wood fired for a pleasingly irregular look, in styles that range from plain to Alhambraesque. Mosaic splashback panels, beautiful trims and a bespoke design service are also on offer.

MADE A MANO

Rear of 70 Chalk Farm Road, NW1 8AN, 07478 713672, madeamano.com.

You'll need to book an appointment to visit this tucked-away showroom, which is something of a trade secret among designers. The look here is handmade but with a contemporary feel and designs range from origami-style patterns on glazed or natural lavastone to eye-catching black letters



on white tiles that are perfect for a child's bedroom. Everything is made to order and delivery takes around four to five weeks.

TERRAZZO TILES

14 England's Lane, NW3 4TG, 020 7485 7227, terrazzo-tiles.co.uk.

Established in 1989, this company provides a range of porcelain, stone and glass tiles for walls and floors. The bright encaustics come in both traditional and abstract designs, and sparkling mosaics can be made in glass, stone or

porcelain. It can also provide bespoke patterns and tones.

THE TILE BOX

40 Offord Road, N1 1EB, 020 7700 1444, thetilebox.co.uk.

This is a good source of tiles from leading brands, including Original Style, Bisazza, The Winchester Tile Company, Amtico and Dalsoupe. Styles cater for every taste, whether you want sleek metro or bold encaustic tiles, with stone, glass and porcelain options available, too. The shop also offers bespoke schemes and help finding a fitter.

SOUTH

ALHAMBRA

148 High Street Buildings, SE26 4BB, 020 3417 6385, alhambrahome.co.uk.

Owner Rebecca Leathlean has scoured Andalusia to find the region's best offerings. Choose from a wide range of colourful, handmade tiles in porcelain or terracotta, as well as encaustic designs, mosaics and marble for worktops and bathrooms. If you're seeking something a bit different, bespoke patterns are another option here.

ANN SACKS

115/116 Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour, SW10 0XE, 020 3055 0802, annsacks.com.

For surfaces that exude a sense of glamour, nip up the centre's swirling staircase to discover this US tile and bath specialist. Laid out in enticing room sets, tiles come in classic marble, hand-stamped leather and textural concrete, as well as glass, porcelain and mosaics redolent of a Tuscan palazzo.

CAPITOL DESIGNER STUDIO

899/901 Fulham Road, SW6 5HU, 020 7668 0046, cdstiles.com.

With fans including Kelly Hoppen and Philippe Starck, this studio emphasises contemporary surfaces with clean lines. For the floor, consider wood-look porcelain by Millelengi, which can be laid in a parquet pattern. Or for more understated decoration, the Rewind range of hexagonal tiles offers a smart mix of patterns and plains.

LONDON *directory*

CASTELNAU TILES

175 Church Road, SW13 9HR,
020 8741 2452,
castelnautiles.co.uk.

A long-established local favourite, this is a one-stop shop for a sound mix of traditional and contemporary surfaces. The range of large-scale porcelain and polished cement tiles offers options for inside and out. Worktops in granite or quartz are also available and can be honed, polished and cut to fit.

DECORUM EST

568 King's Road, SW6 2DY, 020
7731 5556, decorumest.co.uk.

Craftsmanship and exotic materials explain why this firm has become a byword for luxurious wall coverings. Its latest collection, Ocean, is made from treated fish skin combined with vellum for a striking textural effect, while the Houndstooth range fuses mother-of-pearl with lapis lazuli. Other designs feature hand-painted limestone, burnished metal and semi-precious stones.

EUROPEAN HERITAGE

48/54 Dawes Road, SW6 7EN,
020 7381 6063,
europeanheritage.co.uk.

Modernists and traditionalists alike will find their tastes catered for at this West London stalwart. The impressive tile selection incorporates large-format neutrals, glazed metro tiles and porcelain cleverly made to look like stone, concrete or wood, as well as monochrome encaustics and affordable mosaics.

FAMEED KHALIQUE

1st Floor, The Furniture & Arts
Building, 533 King's Road,
SW10 0TZ, 020 7351 2401,
fameedkhalique.com.

An insider's source for luxurious, innovative surfaces, this Chelsea atelier has a small but intriguing collection of tiles. Not for those on a restricted budget, options



range from mother-of-pearl and brass mosaics to Japanese earthenware, semi-precious agate, quartz and tiger's eye for walls, floors and furniture tops.

LAPICIDA

533 King's Road, SW10 0TZ,
020 3012 1000, lapicida.com.
Lapicida is renowned for opulent surfaces that you won't find elsewhere, and its latest offerings range from terracotta panel insets with Murano glass, designed to be backlit, to pale parquet stone for floors. Alternatively, evoke a bygone era with 19th-century Belgian chequerboard.

PARIS CERAMICS

583 King's Road, SW6 2EH,
020 7371 7778,
parisceramics.com.

A sense of history pervades this specialist, whose experts travel the globe to unearth rare and reclaimed materials, such as

fine-veined marble from Italy or a flagstone floor salvaged from a French château. Other classic options include chequerboard flooring and Roman mosaics. It is also a dab hand at antiquing new stone for a rustic effect.

PORCELANOSA

Wandsworth Bridge Road,
SW6 2TY, 020 7751 2150,
porcelanosa.com.
With more than 40 years of surface expertise, this is a reliably excellent source for a good mix of decorative and plain tiles. With everything from large ceramics to shimmering metallic mosaics and natural stones, such as marble and travertine, the emphasis is on high-end sophistication.

POTTER PERRIN

142 St John's Hill, SW11 1SN, 020
7223 1007, potterperrintiles.com.
Established more than 60 years ago, this is a trusty resource for

a wide array of tiles, with a handy bathware store next door. Smart but affordable floor and wall options range from travertine tiles to marble and patterned or neutral porcelains. A 3D-modelling service will conjure up your ideal bathroom and kitchen designs, too.

REED HARRIS

27 Carnwath Road, SW6 3HR,
020 7736 7511, reedharris.co.uk.

Visit this popular independent shop for affordable tiles in all manner of designs. Standouts include hacienda-style terracotta, glazed panels and encaustic tiles, as well as fail-safe neutrals and glazed metro designs. Also available is a range of in-house paints in a wealth of colours.

TOPPS TILES

103 Wandsworth Bridge Road,
SW6 2TE, 020 7371 7279,
toppstiles.co.uk.

You should allow plenty of time to cherry pick the best from the extensive selection that includes everything from vivid glazed bricks and mosaics to subtle neutrals and classic patterned tiles by Minton Hollins. Natural flooring, in slate or limestone, is good value, too.

WATERWORKS

579/581 King's Road,
SW6 2EH, 020 7384 4000,
uk.waterworks.com.

Walk through the luxurious bathware downstairs and pop up to the third floor where tiles gleam from every wall. The accent is on the rare and one-off: delicate marble mosaics, Georgian-inspired mouldings, vintage soap niches and hand-printed tiles beckon among an array of trims, glazes, sizes and patterns to allow you to create a unique look.

WORLD'S END TILES

Silverthorne Road, SW8 3HE, 020
7819 2100, worldsendtiles.co.uk.
You'll find all sorts of well-priced