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Embrace the Perfectly Imperfect With Handmade Tile Trends

The look of handmade tiles has influenced current tile trends and manufacturing techniques as a way to create a unique and organic environment. We've explored popular handmade tile and handmade-inspired tile to present some of our favorite examples of how you can incorporate this growing trend.

In Good Hands



2022 CID Award Winner Showcase

Check out the Coverings blog for a deep dive into the 15 breathtaking projects that won a coveted 2022 Coverings Installation & Design (CID) Award. The awarded projects showcase highly distinctive tile & stone applications, involving tile & stone execution, original usage of materials, and overall design and purpose.



Ceramics: Adding Beauty to the Home

The many technical properties of ceramics, added to its design qualities, makes it a material with enormous potential and versatility for any interior design project, adapting to all rooms and offering solutions for different spaces throughout the home. Learn how ceramics can add functionality and beauty to any room in the house.



A Thing of Beauty

Major Inspo



From Waste to Wonderful: Using Salvaged Limestone at the Houston Botanic Garden

Just over 20 years ago, a small group of Houstonians got together to discuss the idea of creating Houston's first botanic garden. Today, locals and visitors can enjoy the fruits of that discussion. The Houston Botanic Garden opened its doors in September 2020, signaling the completion of the first phase of what will become a 132-acre design on an island in the city's expansive Bayou system.



Do You Ignore Grout Manufacturer Directions?

I certainly hope you don't ignore grout manufacturer directions which just about guarantees that your tile installation will fail. In fact, that's true for just about all the products tile installers use. For the sake of this article, though, I'll focus on grout and more specifically High-Performance Cement Grouts.

Here's why you need to take the grout manufacturer's directions seriously.

Stop & Read

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Construction Employment Increases by 32,000 in July



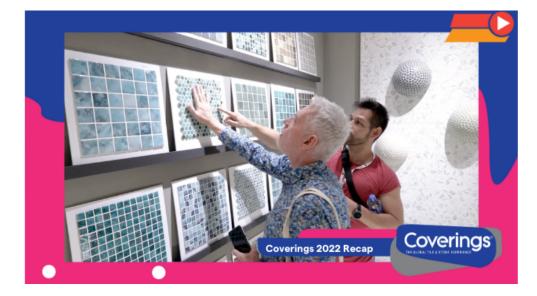
Ceramic Ventilated Façades: Cost and Energy Savings



The construction industry added 32,000 jobs on net in July, according to an ABC analysis of data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. On a year-overyear basis, industry employment has increased by 311,000 jobs, or 4.2%. Ventilated façades made of ceramic materials increase the energy efficiency of a building by 35%, thereby reducing the energy consumption needed to heat and cool rooms. This results in lower utility bills and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

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