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Topstona's Entwine tiles are crafted in travertine marble.



are resistant to stains, mildew, allergens and are easy to clean. Available in a range of aesthetically pleasing colours and patterns, these can be ideal for walls, bathroom walls, kitchen and any space that can use some additional light."

Amidst varied breakthroughs, the new Sicis architectural glass line – Vetríte, will now be available in tile formats. Vetríte laminated glass tile uses a unique proprietary artisan technique in a myriad of standard tile sizes and custom patterns to capture the look of textiles, metallics, leather, luxury wallpaper, calacatta marble, and fresh modern interpretations of Venetian glass and antique mirror, all with stain-resistant glass surface. The new tile formats are particularly suitable for residential bathroom and kitchen surfaces.

**Onyx** An amazing stone, onyx tiles are apt for indoor walls, light traffic walls and even counter tops. They are translucent and each onyx tile varies in colour. A dry layout should be done before installing them. Stonex India has some exquisite designs in their collection to choose from – Feather Onyx, Black Onyx, Spectrum Onyx, Leopard Onyx and much more.

**Metal** Considered to be extremely durable and hard-wearing, metal tiles are mainly made of aluminium and steel. "Metal can be used in small 12" x 12" tile forms or even in mosaic form for the floor, as well as the wall in coding and treatments. They come in different colours and finishes like gold, copper, platinum and many more," says Rajan.

**Laminate** Tile formats are available today in laminate flooring. The top quality laminate floors have tile designs in wood and ceramic and due to the ease of installation and their scratch resistance, they are one of the most preferred options for bedrooms and living rooms.



Somany's calcutta white marble tile.

Evowood tile made with Persian lilac.

Evowood tile made with walnut and white oak to create this weave design.

Somany's Belgium stone Nero tile.

## MAINTENANCE

**Use water:** Regular mopping with plain water is the key to keeping all types of tiles in great shape. You can use white vinegar with warm water, which does not react with tiles. Avoid detergents to retain the sheen.

**Grout lines:** When it comes to cleaning tiles – be it floor or walls, it's important to take care of the grout as well. For all that dust and grime that makes enough space to stick in the grout and spoil the entire look of the tile, you can start by spraying the grout with hot water, followed by scrubbing with a grout brush and then cleaning the surface. "You can even use a baking soda and water mixture with a toothbrush to scrub the grout," recommends Sapna.

**Avoid scrubbing:** "Never clean your tiles with a hard scrub as it may give more harm than benefit to the tiles. You can use an old towel or a soft cloth to wipe them clean," she cautions.

**Cover or seal:** If you have porous tiles, it is advisable to seal them using a floor sealer to prevent them from becoming too porous.