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## wallpaper to tile

ter from showers and sinks. New tiles are being created by such fashion designers as Valentino, Gianni Versace and Laura Ashley.

Other popular tile manufacturers include American Olean, Latco, Monarch, Marazzi and American Ceramics. Several New York showrooms recently introduced a series of tiles created by Trussardi, an Italian leather designer. Some have a python skin pattern in the glaze, underscored by the textured imprint of a crocodile skin.

AMONG THE OTHER innovative looks of tile today are:

- Tiles that simulate marble, granite and semiprecious stones.
- Reproductions of tiles and pattern sheets from the late 19th and early 20th centuries, including small, hexagonal bathroom tiles and Victorian border patterns.

- Pattern systems (tiles with coordinating colors and patterns, in different scales, designed to be used together).

- Architectural border tiles, shaped like crown moldings and cornices and pencil-thin decorative trims.

- Bold geometrics, textures and bas-reliefs.

- Sandblasted glass borders and inserts reminiscent of Lalique glass.

- Clear glass tiles.

- Non-slip floor tiles with gritty surfaces or raised disks and squares.

- Patinated tiles, with surfaces that look recently unscathed.

- Gold, silver and bronzed "ingots" used as border and background, and sometimes for exterior walls.

- Scallop, fan, hexagonal, penny-rounds and triangles.

- Trompe l'oeil designs.

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This fall, the Laura Ashley Home Furnishings Collection highlights the chinoiserie theme with a selection of Chinese-inspired wallcovering and fabric design. Shown here is the "Palace Garden" chintz in an Oriental color wash of sapphire, mid blue and navy.

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