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wallpaper to tile ter from showers and sinks. New tiles

are being created by such fashion de-signers as Valentino, Gianni Versace

and Laura Ashley.

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

AMONG THE OTHER innovative looks of tile today are:

Tiles that simulate marble, gran-

ite 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 differ-ent scales, designed to be used togeth-

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

Bold geometries, 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.

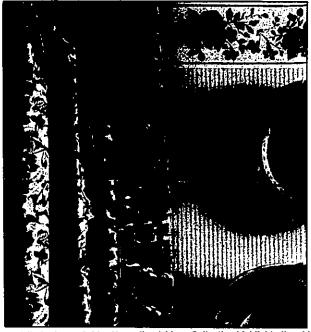
 Gold, silver and bronzed "in-gots" used as border and background, and sometimes for exterior walls.

Scallops, fans, hexagonals, pen-

ny-rounds and triangles.

Trompe l'oeil designs.

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This fall, the Laura Ashley Home Furnishings Collection highlights the chi-noiseries 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.

