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Tile

Tile is a general term for three basic types Ceramic, Porcelain and Natural Stone.

Ceramic Tile: Ceramic tile is a natural product made up of clay, minerals and water. Ceramic tile comes in two forms glazed and unglazed.

Glazed Tile: Glazed ceramic tile is a popular choice for your interior floors and walls and offers unlimited decorating possibilities. The glazed tiles have a special ceramic coating that is applied to the body of the tile which gives the tile its color and finish.

Unglazed Tile: There is no glazing or any other coating applied to the tile. The color is the same on the face of the tile as it is on the back resulting in very durable tiles that do not show the effects of heavy traffic. The most common unglazed tiles are the red quarry tiles or the granite looking porcelain ceramic tiles used in heavy commercial areas.

Porcelain Tile: They are denser and less porous than ceramic tile and highly resistant to moisture, stains, bacteria, odors and even harsh cleaners. For homeowners, porcelain tile is especially resistant to staining, scratches, fading and is available in both polished and matte finishes. Porcelain tiles also come in a wide variety of sizes, colors and textures. Porcelain tiles come in either a glazed porcelain or a through-body porcelain tile. Through-body porcelain tiles have the same colors all the way through so if they get chipped or scratched the color will not change. Glazed porcelain tiles are similar to glazed ceramic tile. They have a design layer (glaze) on top of the tile body that is a different color and will be noticeable if chipped.

Natural Stone Tiles: These are products cut from solid stone blocks from stone quarries around the world. For this reason no two pieces are exactly the same. They are normally cut in 12"x 12" squares, however other sizes are available. Natural stone offers magnificent potential for use on floors or walls that will remain durable and aesthetically pleasing for a lifetime.



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