

Flexible flooring

Spanish floor tiles are a practical and elegant choice for high-traffic areas, offering a sleek and contemporary look for expansive spaces. Designs that have been created with a broad spectrum of projects in mind are widely available and ideal for applications from large-format indoor/outdoor flooring to high-impact feature installations

Digital drama

Advances in digital technology mean that tile manufacturers can faithfully replicate a wide variety of surfaces such as wood, marble and stone, offering all the aesthetics of a 'raw' material but with all the unique advantages of ceramic. The Spanish tile industry, already known for its rich heritage, continues to evolve both creatively and technically, as it becomes increasingly quick and cost-effective to undertake smaller production runs. If a project requires something unusual, Spanish manufacturers can respond with tiles and slabs that imitate distinctive effects, including innovative reinterpretations of traditional products such as terrazzo or marble. Several brands also have the capacity to create bespoke surfaces for unique architectural needs.



Above

Strand by Vives: Porcelain floor tiles in 120cm x 120cm, 59.3cm x 119.3cm and 59.3cm x 59.3cm formats and a chipboard-effect look. www.vivesceramica.com

Right

Azalai by Inalco: Large slimline porcelain ideal for floors in 150cm x 300cm, 150cm x 150cm, 100cm x 250cm and 100cm x 100cm formats that replicates marble. www.inalco.es





Flexibility of formats

Pioneering tile producers are continuing to explore the potential of extra-large porcelain slabs in thicknesses that meet a variety of purposes. Flooring with a 6mm profile can be matched to co-ordinating formats for countertops in 12mm thickness for an immersive effect. Thin porcelain sheets are also ideal for providing a grout-free finish that is easy to clean as well as contemporary in appearance. However, the popularity of the small-format Décor tile endures, particularly for creating pattern and geometric effects. Another valuable development is the extended offering of porcelain floor tiles that can be teamed with ceramic pieces in co-ordinating hues, allowing for seamless decorative schemes.



Above

Calacatta by Neolith: Porcelain slabs that come in 320cm x 160cm, 320cm x 150cm and 360cm x 120cm formats, two finishes and a variety of thicknesses. Bookmatched formats available. www.neolith.com

Below

FS Rialto by Peronda: Designed by Francisco Segarra, this porcelain 45.2cm x 45.2cm format with large stone flecks is an innovative take on traditional terrazzo. Can be mixed with a grey cement-effect tile. www.peronda.com

Inside-outside

As many architectural projects now blur the border between the exterior and interior space, a growing number of Spanish manufacturers are answering with an enhanced choice of porcelain products. Suited to interior or exterior application, porcelain tiles benefit from a near-zero absorption rate, making them frost-proof and ideal for the UK climate. As an alternative to concrete slabs on balconies and terraces, porcelain surfaces enable more personalised designs while solving more functional concerns.

Top

Ardesia by Saloni: Porcelain floor tiles in four formats designed to be combined with a co-ordinating range of decor tiles in three neutral colourways. www.saloni.com

Above

Montreal by Grespania: Technical full-body porcelain tile in three finishes and six colourways. Available in five formats including 80cm x 80cm, 60cm x 60cm, 30cm x 60cm, 30cm x 30cm and 15cm x 15cm. www.grespania.com



About Tile of Spain

Tile of Spain is the voice of the Spanish tile industry, encompassing more than 120 tile manufacturers. Renowned worldwide for an inspiring blend of aesthetic and technical innovation, Spanish tiles draw on a rich heritage of skill and creativity, while remaining at the cutting edge of design. Manufactured in Spain and widely available in the UK, these products embody the spirit of an industry that prides itself on proposing beautiful, meaningful and high-performance solutions to flooring, wall coverings, furnishing and external paving and cladding.

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