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## TILE, NATURALLY

### What in nature inspires you?

Agate is an interesting mineral that makes an even more interesting tile. Agate is a variety of chalcedony that's formed from layers of quartz and usually has varicolored bands. It usually occurs as rounded nodules or veins. Often tiny quartz crystals form in agate, adding to the beauty and uniqueness of each piece. When you look at individual slices of agate under transmitted light, you can see what's called a diffraction spectrum because of the extreme delicacy of the successive bands, which is why these are called rainbow agates. Often agate coexists with layers or masses of opal, jasper or crystalline quartz, adding even more variation.

— NICOLE SAKOSITS, STRATTA, THE TILE BOUTIQUE, WYCKOFF

*Agate tile can now be found exclusively at Stratta, the Tile Boutique.*



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