

Style 20/20



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Practical & affordable ideas to improve your home

Weekend projects

I just love a weekend décor project! Mine are usually totally spontaneous, a bit random, and not entirely necessary. But hey, what is life if you can't have a little fun experimenting with new ideas and hopefully, at the same time, adding some personality to your home? A styled outdoor area, bold paint choices and unusual tile finishes, are three perfect ways to add a personal and vibrant touch to your home — makes me think of the Oyster Box Hotel with that stunning red painted patio furniture! You can absolutely transform a space by tiling or painting that one neglected wall or piece of furniture. This is why I'm always frustrated when I see that a buyer of a new home or apartment is limited by the developer to a vanilla range of finishes. But, even if you didn't have any say in the finishes of your home, it is never too late to add a little magic with some of the simple ideas featured in this edition.

This edition of Style 20/20 is about adding personality to your home, by:

- **Styling your patio or courtyard — find inspiration on Pages 4 to 8**
- **Painting your furniture and fixtures — find it on Pages 9 to 18**
- **Tiling in interesting ways — go straight to Pages 19 to 29**

Enjoy your home and remember to follow the magazine on Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest for inspirational ideas.

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**Patio &
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Patio & courtyard inspiration

Your patio, courtyard, or balcony is a room like any other room in your home. It can't survive on furniture alone. It needs a pulse, and that's something that you bring to the space based on how you choose to entertain and how you like to relax.

Follow these steps when decorating your outdoor space:

1. Look at whether you can add style, warmth, character, etc. by creating a feature wall. Either paint one wall a much darker shade for a moody atmosphere, clad a wall with horizontal cladding or wooden-effect tiles for a contemporary look, or tile a wall in Spanish style tiles for some European flair.
2. Add one piece of furniture that's not an exact match to your main patio set (an over-scaled chair, a very low coffee table, and perhaps a couple of painted logs to serve as side tables).
3. Incorporate a few scatter cushions and an outdoor rug (geometric patterns always work well in a patio area).
4. Include one or two large lanterns placed on the floor or on a low table.
5. Add a couple of planters or pot plants (in large baskets if you have space) or attached to a wall vertically if you're short of space.
6. Lastly, if there is still room in the budget, add a few accessories — this is where it all comes together! The products on Pages 6 to 8 are on my wish list right now.



Patio & courtyard inspiration



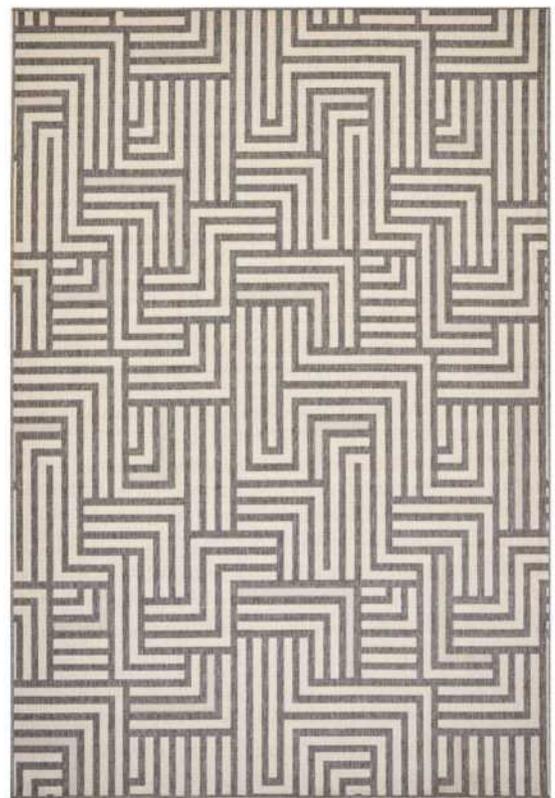
Ceramic Planters Pho — Pezula Interiors



Endora Cushion Cover—Superbalist



Leaf Rope Grey Patio Chair — Sutherlands



Tetris rug in Oyster — HAUS by Hertex

Patio & courtyard inspiration



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1. Litebox Vintage LED Solar Power String Lights — Takealot
2. Zambezi Napkins — Esque
3. Cutlery Holder — Vendange
4. La Porte Blanche Hunter Green Cotton Knit Throw — YUPPIECHEF
5. Ceramic Tabletop Braai — YUPPIECHEF

Patio & courtyard inspiration



Rose coloured wall plates — My Love for Africa



Kubu fire pit — The Fire Pit Company : <https://customfirepits.co.za/>

Adding
personality
with paint



Painted furniture



Most of us proceed with caution when painting furniture, and I think that's wise for larger pieces like large display units, entire dining room sets, 10-seater patio sets, etc. These are best left to the Professionals who'll spend a lot of time on the prep work to ensure just the right finish, before even starting to apply paint techniques. But, when it comes to that small side table you inherited from your late Granny, or an inexpensive Pine office bookshelf, or the bedside tables you put in your spare room because they don't match your other furniture, then I say throw caution to the wind and get painting!

A coat of paint can literally make the difference between your old dated furniture sitting awkwardly in the background versus it stealing the show. So, if moss green or dark moody charcoal grey is trending, paint a small cupboard moss green or that dark, moody shade of charcoal grey. Next, add new handles, a few stylish accessories and, before you know it, your Granny's old cupboard is trending on Pinterest. Have a look at the ideas presented on Pages 11 to 13.

Of course, painting on weekends is not for everyone, so I've also sourced some "already-painted", jaw-dropping beautiful furniture in stock right now, featured on Pages 14 to 18.

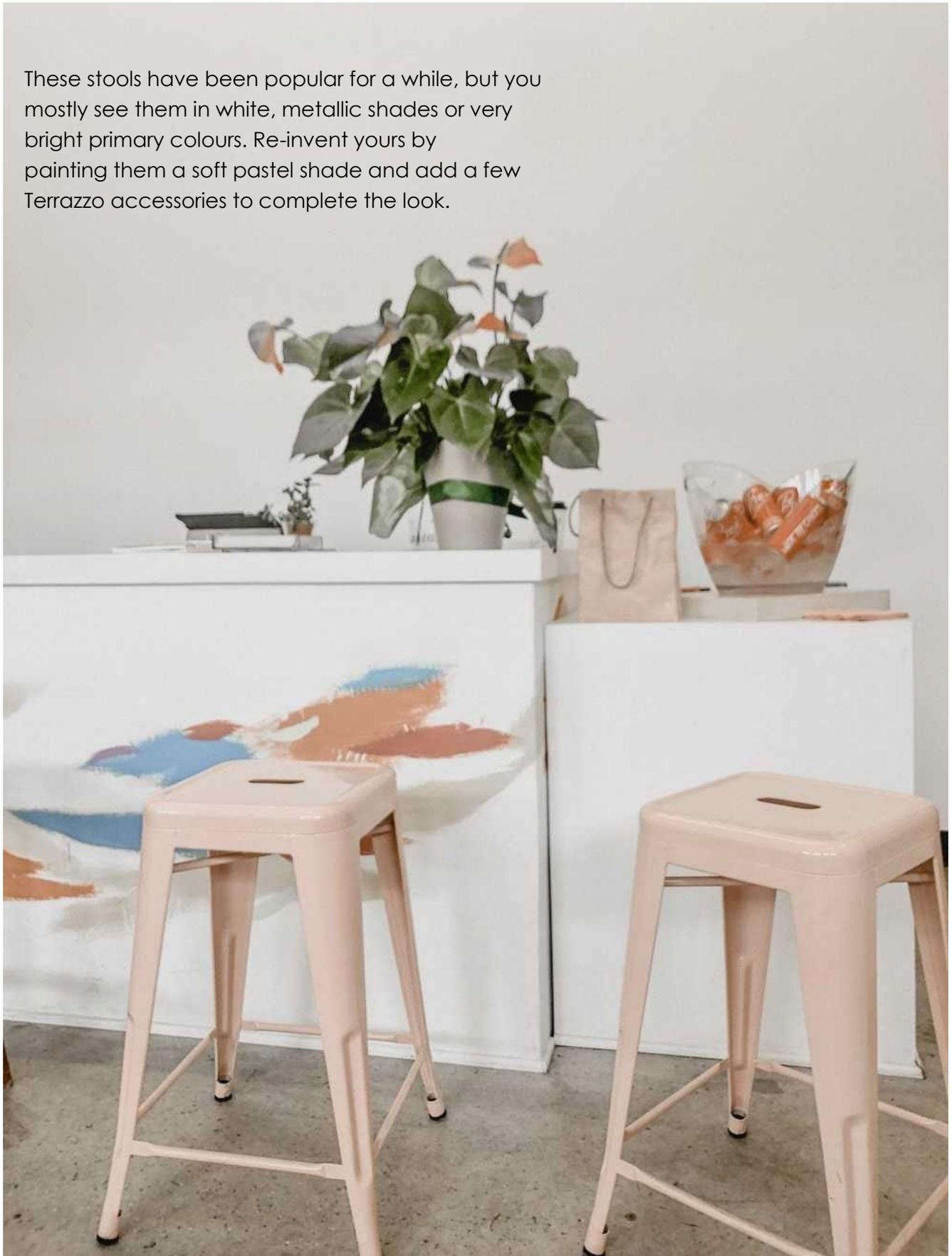
Painted furniture

Nothing beats a slightly distressed antique-style white linen cupboard with glass doors (that's assuming you have all-white linen and towels of course)! The paint work really doesn't need to be perfect, so this is a good weekend project for anyone to try with a chalk paint or similar.



Painted furniture

These stools have been popular for a while, but you mostly see them in white, metallic shades or very bright primary colours. Re-invent yours by painting them a soft pastel shade and add a few Terrazzo accessories to complete the look.



Painted furniture



A painted kitchen will never go out of style. How can it, because you can simply re-paint as colours and looks change? You can play around with a two-tone look, or just commit to your absolute favourite colour. Here are 5 combinations of finishes that are sure to work:

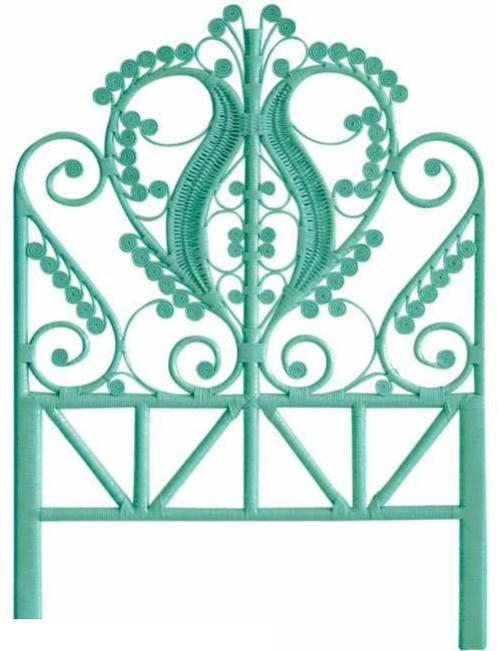
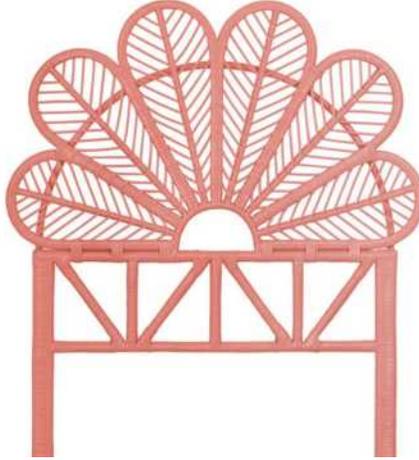
1. Deep green (or blue) painted cupboards with marble counter tops and brass or copper handles
2. Any shade of grey with white counter tops and brass or copper handles
3. Soft cream with Terrazzo-effect counter tops (or tiles) and brass or copper handles
4. Black painted cupboards with natural wood grain counter tops and gold handles
5. The all-white kitchen with black handles (remember to add feature lighting, tiles or a painted wall to add interest).

Painted furniture

This yellow St Francis wardrobe from **Block & Chisel** would add the happiest feeling to your home no matter the season or weather. Take inspiration from their styling cues and team it with Royal blue, soft pink and just a touch of bright green: <https://www.blockandchisel.co.za/>



Painted furniture



These modern vintage painted cane headboards from **Design Store** are available in all the standard bed sizes and would look equally stylish in a little girl's bedroom or a master suite. Plus, they'll paint them your desired Plascon colour:

<https://designstore.co.za/>.

Painted furniture

Furniture Spot sells a contemporary collection of painted furniture which is ideal for a home office or feature piece in your living room. All their products are designed by South Africans and are locally manufactured.

Furniture Spot: <https://www.furniturespot.co.za/>.



Lilo satin pedestal in blush pink



Lilo satin 4-drawer server in turquoise



Lilo satin dresser/desk in dark grey

Painted furniture

These “Seriously Sleek Drawers” are from **Design Store** and come in Atlantic blue, black, forest, green, grey, navy or white. Buy them online at: <https://designstore.co.za/>.



Powder-coated furniture

If you're after something very sleek and minimalist but with a pop of colour and personality, have a look at the homeware from design team **PEDERSEN + LENNARD**.

Their ISO Lamp in colour Anthracite is available with an Oak or Ash base, which includes a really handy cutaway detail for storing jewelry etc. That's a nice touch! Other colours include dusty pink (can you just imagine?), olive green, satin black, Heritage green, terracotta and more.

Their recycling bins (pictured below) have to be the most stylish recycling bins I've come across. I have them in my home in black and white and love that they actually enhance my kitchen style rather than detracting from it.



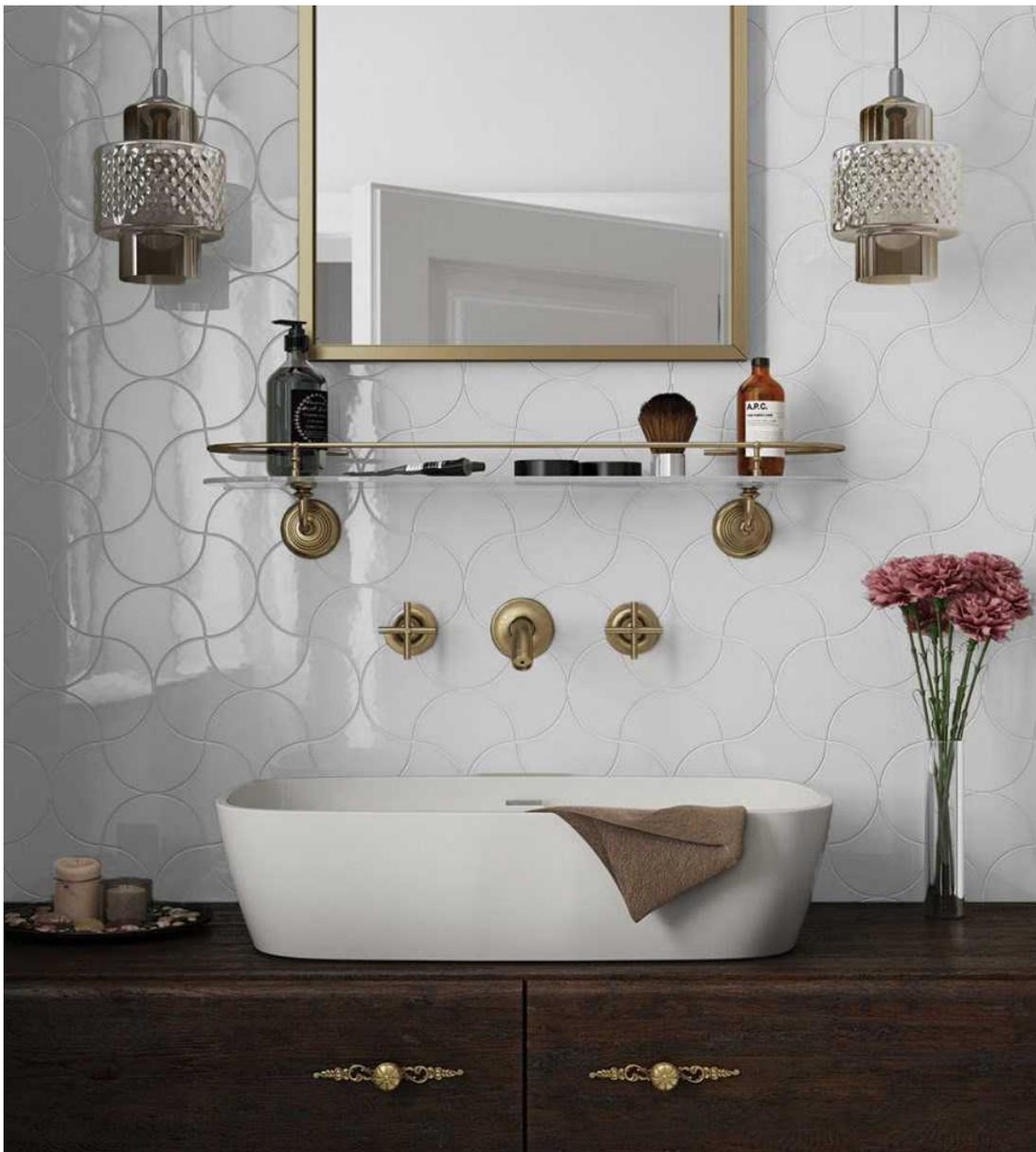


Tile style

Tile trends

I'm sharing a few of my favourite tile trends for 2020/2021 — the trends which, in my view, really lend themselves to creative styling.

Fan-shaped tiles — I just love the fluid, curvy feminine feel of this tile style. You can use fan tiles in so many different ways, from the upside-down fish scale way (as per image on previous page) to the pattern below where a lantern shape is formed by switching the direction of some of the tiles. The tiles below are from **Douglas Jones**: <https://www.douglasjones.co.za/>.



Tile trends

Hexagonal-shaped tiles — we see hexagons so often in nature, the most striking example of course being the beehive, and, slightly more loosely defined as a hexagon, the beautiful snowflake. So, it's not surprising that hexagonal-shaped tiles are so pleasing to the eye. Use them for kitchen and bathroom splashbacks and you won't be disappointed.

If you're after a sophisticated contemporary look, then have a look at the hexagonal-shaped mosaics from **Italtile** below.



Persian Nero Hexagonal Mosaics
from **Italtile**:

<https://www.italtile.co.za/>



Carrara Hexagonal Inkjet
Recycled Glass Mosaics from **Italtile**:

<https://www.italtile.co.za/>

Tile trends

Brick-shaped tiles used vertically — I love the way this tile trend takes us right out of our comfort zone. Our eyes are trained to see bricks and brick-shaped tiles horizontally and, when you flip them vertically, it takes a few seconds for the eyes to adjust. Or does it? Our eyes are becoming more and more vertically trained. Think of websites which are now designed for mobile phones with content continuously unfolding vertically.

The tiles featured below are called Frammenti Blue Notte Brick and are available from **Ferreira's** : <https://www.ferreiras.co.za/>. They are available in a selection of muted shades of earthy colours like green and terracotta (right on trend).



Tile trends

Terrazzo tiles — defined loosely, Terrazzo is a type of flooring made up of pieces of stone that are bonded into a cement bed (influenced by ancient Venetian pavements). It's been around forever, and yet, it keeps being re-invented by designers eager to give it a fresh modern take, while respecting the tradition of Terrazzo. Examples of newer product variations include large scale Terrazzo tiles (creating the effect that the pieces of embedded stone are extra large) or, alternatively, a very subtle Terrazzo-effect which is almost invisible until viewed up close. There are also more glamorous reincarnations, with, for example, a gold effect infused into the tile. When something is this beautiful, it's easy to understand why it's been around for hundreds of years and is still so popular today. These tiles below are from **TileSpace**:

<https://tilespace.co.za/>



Iseo tile — colour Gris

Parade tile — PRDE DK 12WLV



Joy tile — colour Piedra

Hand-made tiles

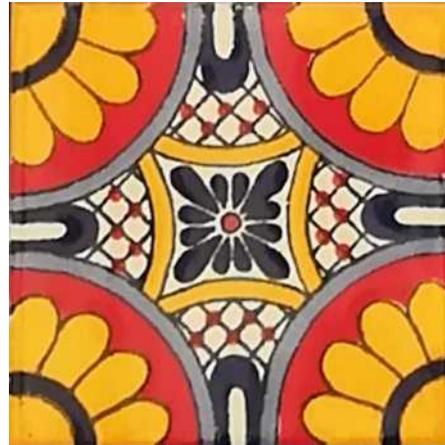
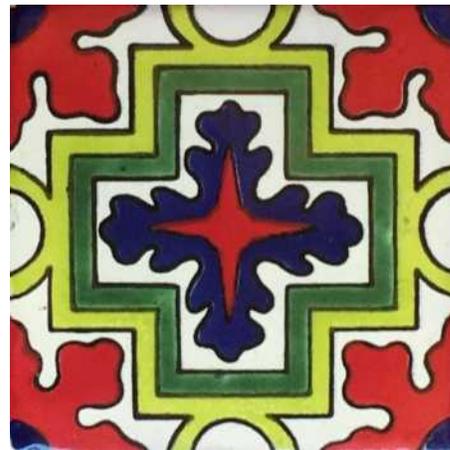
If you're looking for something a little different, with an artisanal feel, have a look at the vast selection of Mexican hand-made Talavera tiles stocked by **Hadedda**. These tiles are a vital expression of Mexican culture, with a touch of Spanish, Moorish and Mediterranean influences. They are unique and perfectly imperfect. Over a long period of time, the glaze on the tiles will develop subtle surface cracks which adds to the natural patina of a hand-made tile. Any colour variances and "imperfections" add to the artistic characteristic quality of these tiles. There is so much freedom in how you might choose to combine them, either going for the earthy terracotta tones (as per the design below) or choosing a monochromatic colour scheme using only blue tiles for example. One could also opt for all the really vibrant jewel tones (as per samples on the next page).



Hand-made tiles

The Talavera techniques produce vibrant colours and delicate details, shown by the samples below. They can be incorporated into floors, walls, patios, staircases, swimming pools and fountains. And, they can be installed in kitchens, bathrooms, fireplaces, patio benches, counter tops, stair risers, and main entrance doors. Talavera tiles are hard and durable and can be used continuously as a tiled surface, or simply inset into screed surfaces as aesthetic highlights.

Hadeda: <https://www.hadeda-tiles.com/>.



Encaustic cement tiles

The patterns on these tiles are neither printed nor painted. Liquid coloured materials are hand-poured into a mould with divisions to create the patterns. The patterns form a 2mm layer so they will last a lifetime. There are old buildings in which encaustic cement tiled floors have been in place for more than 100 years and they still retain their beauty. The slightly matt, muted colouring lends itself to really beautiful styling. Have a look over the next page at how the mustard encaustic tiles lift a traditional bathroom!

Available from **Hadedda** : <https://www.hadedda-files.com/>.



Encaustic cement tiles



Mosaic art



Meet Sarah Pryke from Fragments of Africa — To describe her simply as a mosaic artist is a real understatement. Her journey is fascinating and her past experiences have so clearly contributed to the richness of her mosaic artworks. She grew up surrounded by nature with a passion for wildlife, and was a frequent visitor to the Kruger National Park. So, it's not surprising that she studied biological sciences majoring in Zoology and Entomology, whilst only dabbling in art during her final year of high school. She went on to work as an Academic Researcher for 12 years, but, during this time, she also started enhancing her creative talents with painting, ceramics etc. After being diagnosed with a serious medical condition, she was advised to take a step back from her stressful academic career and this was when her affinity for mosaic art really came to the fore. She is self-taught and has an experimental approach to her work, which is clearly inspired by her love of flora and fauna. Her mosaic projects are complex and detailed, with consideration shown in every detail. Each piece is unique and all the elements are hand-made, including fused glass elements and the frames. They are suitable for both indoors and outdoors (as the colours will not fade). Sarah can be contacted via her website or Instagram page for special commissions, or you could buy one of her completed works: **Website** : <https://fragmentsofafrica.co.za/>; **Instagram** : [@fragments_of_africa](https://www.instagram.com/fragments_of_africa).

Mosaic art



Sarah created the mosaic bar mural above for the Tuludi Tree Lodge in the Okavango Delta of Botswana. It is made from tiles and glass, and spans over 7m.



This mosaic artwork by Sarah is called Caught Between Hope and Despair and won Gold and Best in Show at the MASA (Mosaic Association of South Africa) art competition in 2019.

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Where to buy
fabrics for your
home styling
projects?



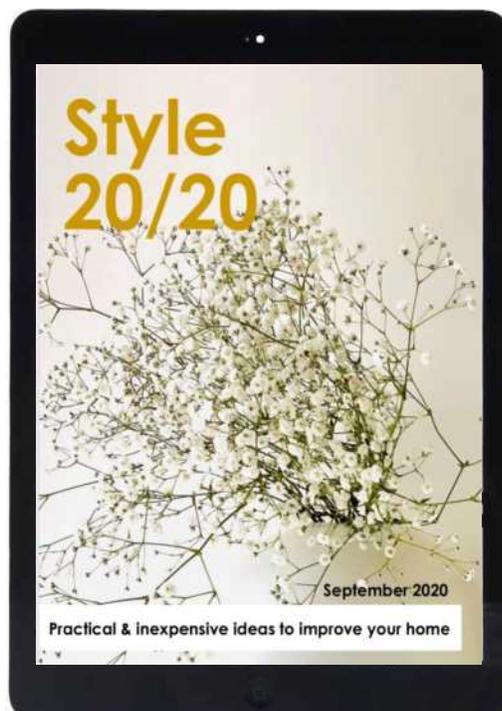
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