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Packaged with 10 images to illustrate the trends - sample images below.*

Wild Tile

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For walls with attitude, indulge your inner Wild Tile Child - whether heavy metal or eco warrior.

Nature's Child chills out with organic effects including Sonoma Cast Stone's bamboo tiles and The Five Elements Standing Pebble Collection – pebbles are hand-sorted and bonded on mesh to interlock seamlessly on the wall. The waterfall or rain shower effect of Artistic Tile's clean-lined Stilato glass mosaics is equally Zen. Elsewhere we see homely basketweaves, faux-wool finishes, and stylized imagery of flora and fauna.

Rockers amp it up with large leather panels, embossed skins, and the season's favorite -- metal, warm or cool, polished, pounded, studded or scored. The Luna collection by Erin Adams, available through Ann Sacks, features her signature glass studded into recycled aluminum or brass. Sonoma Cast Stone's MetalCrete laser-cut stainless steel on colored concrete offers 16 variations on a cutaway grid pattern, reminiscent of computer punch paper, to combine for a fresh take on urban techno.

From armored chambers to rustic retreats, to small scale mosaics that do the work of wallpaper, tile provides a heavy-duty backdrop. And any way you grout it, we're looking at eye-popping graphics and tons of texture.

