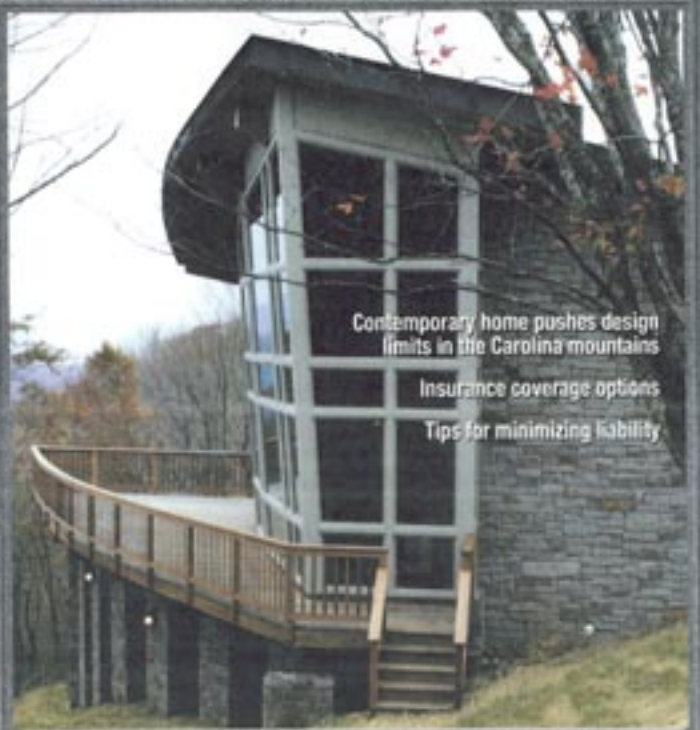


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Saicis introduces its Spacca Di Cava series, which offers a porcelain tile option to designers looking for a rustic yet sophisticated flooring option. Spacca Di Cava is part of the Saicis Hi-Tech Gres Collection of unglazed, multiple-loaded porcelain tile.

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GranitiFiandre has recreated two Indian granites — Paradise and Shiva Gold — and added them to their NewGranite collection of ceramic products. Paradise and Shiva Gold (pictured) are created with materials with the texture, appearance and structure of granite, designed with enhanced characteristics of hardness and resistance to staining.

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Cosentino launches a new era in countertop performance by introducing Silestone with built-in Microban antimicrobial product protection available in summer 2005. Microban protection is designed to provide a deterrent to the growth of bacteria that can cause stains and odors.

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Sonoma Cast Stone's concrete countertops for kitchens come in custom shapes, sizes and standard modules. Counter surfaces are cast a minimum of 1 1/4-in. thick and reinforced with steel bars to add strength. Custom details such as integral drain boards or embedded accent tiles can be added. Surfaces are diamond-polished for a smooth finish.

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Polycor now offers Cascapedia marble for the worldwide marketplace. Cascapedia is a burgundy limestone breccia with reddish fragments from the formation of Bonaventure. The stone, made from pure limestone, sandstone and red polygenic conglomerate, is available in dimensional panels, slabs and tiles. It is designed for residential interior applications.

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Impronta Italgraniti USA is offering new, design-friendly sizes in its Urbana Series for the American marketplace. Urbana tile is now presented, not only in standard 18- by 18-in., 12- by 24-in. and 24- by 24-in. field tile sizes, but also in a 24- by 36-in. size that can be cut into a variety of custom size options.

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Vitra Tiles USA introduce its Hexagon Mosaics in unglazed porcelain tiles. The new shape, available in 1- by 1-in. tiles, is dot-mounted, designed to make them perfect for commercial and residential installations. The tiles are available in 21 different solid colors with many different standard and custom patterns.

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