

Decorator's Notebook

Glimmer Of Shimmer: Metallics Reflected In Tile

(NAPSA)—More homeowners are taking a shine to one of the latest design trends: metallics.

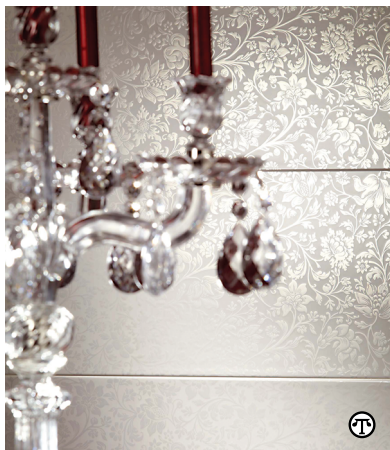
Metallics are being seen in all elements of residential design, in furnishings, walls, flooring and textiles. The trend, identified as “Glimmer of Shimmer,” seeks the sophistication offered through precious metals such as gold, bronze, silver, platinum, pewter and copper.

Even the sheen of industrial materials such as iron, steel, copper, aluminum and titanium is a sought-after accent.

The trend is at the forefront for accomplishing a sophisticated, simple, yet elegant atmosphere. Today, a variety of materials is available to achieve this stylish trend for interior spaces, with no metal alloy actually being present.

Ceramic tile manufacturers in Spain now offer a broad range of metallic glazes and finishes, an aesthetic concept that is ideal for admirers of the avant-garde and urban contemporary looks.

Many products from Tile of Spain branded manufacturers offer this refined appearance and minimalist style. Manufacturers Grespania and Onix capture this concept in their newest collections. Tile can serve as a canvas on the floor or wall for understated elegance. In Grespania's Toledo Collection, a silver ambient



Metallic tile in gold, bronze, silver, platinum, pewter and copper is a great way to keep design simple yet sophisticated.

backdrop for floral design work is created as a glamorous accent that can be used as a kitchen backsplash or an area “tile rug” in a formal living room.

Manufacturers such as Keraben and Tau Ceramica answer metal mania with a collection of fluid patterns that offer stylish new decorating opportunities.

For more about tile produced in Spain, contact Tile of Spain Center at the Trade Commission of Spain, 2655 Le Jeune Road, Suite 1114, Coral Gables, FL 33134. Call (305) 446-4387 or visit www.spaintiles.info.