The ceramic tile family—which includes porcelain tile, quarry tile, wall tile, pressed floor tile, and mosaic tile—has the unique ability to create installation patterns with different shapes, colors, and combinations of tile arrangements. Squares and rectangles give you the most versatility and modularity for the traditional patterns we’ve listed below, but there are a growing number of tile shapes (see page 2).

Use this guide with your tile professional as a starting point to create a one-of-a-kind ceramic tile design.
ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Staggered Transitions

- **Square**
- **Circle/Penny Round**
- **Rectangle/Subway**
- **Hexagon**
- **Fan/Scalloped/Fish scale/Mermaid**
- **Triangle**
- **Diamond**
- **Kite**
- **Picket**
- **Polygon/Rhomboid**
- **Star**
- **Arabesque**

- Stagger the transition from one tile shape to another tile shape or surface material.
- Stagger the boundary of your tiled space along the shape of the tile.
- Stagger from one tile color to another.

### Grout Choice

- **Contrast grout color with tile color to emphasize the tile shape and pattern.**
- **Choose a neutral grout color for a less pronounced effect.**
- **Match grout color to the tile color to create a seamless effect.**

### Color

- Use different colored tiles in blocks of color.
- Use different colored tiles in a set pattern.
- Use different colored tiles in a random pattern.

### Surface Pattern

While individual tiles may have a self-contained surface pattern you can repeat, there are tile design options, such as this example, that when arranged in a different orientation will give you a different pattern that can be repeated or used randomly.