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Find Your Style

Spectacular Kitchens
& Sumptuous Baths

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New Trend:

Furniture for the
Bathroom

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Decorating Ideas

FROM BEDROOM
TO BACKYARD

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A PERSONAL TOUCH IN TILE & STONE

The Tile Collection is consistently growing, moving from its humble beginnings at McMullen Market Place in 1992 to its current and much larger tile and stone showroom near Carolina Place Mall. A deeply spiritual person who believes in much more than fate, owner Elaine Creasser said her prayers were answered when she found the perfect location for the ultimate tile and stone showroom. There are now 11 designers on staff to turn the clients' visions into reality.

Teresa Sistare Campbell, one of the firm's designers, says the staff members have one common goal: taking the client's style or vision and creating a room or home to complete a look with which they are completely happy.

The Tile Collection's experts look to 2007:

Kitchens

Granite's definitely a mainstay. There are over 100 stones available with granite being the hardest and most dense. It's highly recommended for countertops because of its grand look and durability. Some of the granites are flamed or honed to create different looks and textures for your countertops while still providing durability and low maintenance. And marble for countertops or islands? It's a fabulous, softer look – however, while marble is a natural stone, it is by nature a softer stone more prone to surface scratches and staining. We recommend you always consider your personal lifestyle when making these selections. Our granite facility allows each customer to be as involved as he or she chooses to be, from template to install.

Kitchen Backsplashes

Tumbled stone is still a great complement to any backsplash area. They provide a nice "black dress" effect, along with using glass, metal or various stone sizes as the jewelry to create your own custom look. The backsplash is the "signature of the home"; everyone who enters your home will see this area.

Tile

We are still using larger tiles – but creating different looks for various home areas. Tile is suitable for every room; whether porcelain, ceramic or natural stone, it's very durable and easy to maintain. In today's world, this is priceless.



Outdoor Living

With a definite growing trend of indoor living spaces going to the outdoors, why not take the tile and granite with you? Granite is a great look for the grill and exterior kitchen and bar areas. Tile Collection has a large selection of exterior tiles that bring the warmth right outdoors. There is a variety of patterns, sizes and colors to suit any area.

Basically, tile and granite areas are considered to be more permanent, so much thought should be put into this to create a timeless masterpiece for your home. One of the bonuses of working with Tile Collection's designers is they can guide you through the entire process, always having you and your project at heart regardless of whether it's a small bathroom floor or a new custom-built home. ♦

Contact Tile Collection at 704-541-8453, visit www.tilecollection.com, or stop by their showroom at 11200 Carolina Place Parkway, open Mondays-Fridays 9-6, Thursdays 9-8, Saturdays 10-5.

