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TILE MAVEN

The world of hand-selected tile and natural stone beckons Sydnye Steen of Artisan Tile Studio

iles can be functional, quotidian building materials, or statement pieces and works of art. Sydnye Steen, owner of Artisan Tile Studio, passionately celebrates the latter. With a keen eye, she transforms residential and commercial spaces—from modest kitchen backsplashes to elaborate, wall-sized mosaic masterpieces.

Through her travels, Steen discovered rare tile designs and built relationships with gifted artisan tilemakers around the globe.

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In 2015, she launched Artisan Tile Studio, which swiftly became the go-to boutique for discerning clients seeking one-of-a-kind compositions.

"Once I realized the realm beyond massproduced tile, my interest ignited," says Steen. "Every tile has its own history, and I wanted to seek those out and bring them to Oklahoma."

At her 3,500-square-foot showroom, she artfully guides homeowners, designers, architects, and builders alike to discover their distinct styles. Her curated collections always inspire: showcasing handcrafted field tiles and intricate mosaics of stone, glass, metal, and wood, as well as a selection of natural stone slabs. Her studio holds a private consulting area where Steen learns about the client's project and selects samples reflecting their plan, vision, and budget. "I work to simplify the process, making the experience enjoyable and relaxing," she notes.



Steen and her team execute every project in collaboration with the client, installer, and tilemaker's studio until fabrication and installation are complete—ensuring every element lays out perfectly. Communication and exact specifications are critical in planning as natural stone's appearance can variate greatly depending on where and when it's quarried.

Custom glass tiles from an artist in Brooklyn; modernized Moroccan mosaics made with black and white marble; luxe Art Deco tiles accented with gold—the results are always unique, and in every design, a nod to its history in the world can be found.





CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: A thoughtfully curated display of natural stone slabs was built with ease of selection in mind. The entrance to Artisan Tile Studio welcomes guests with samples of what's to come. Celebrating symmetry, stone found on an elegant island is repeated in this kitchen's backsplash. Striking floor tile creates contrast in both geometry and a black-and-white color palette.

