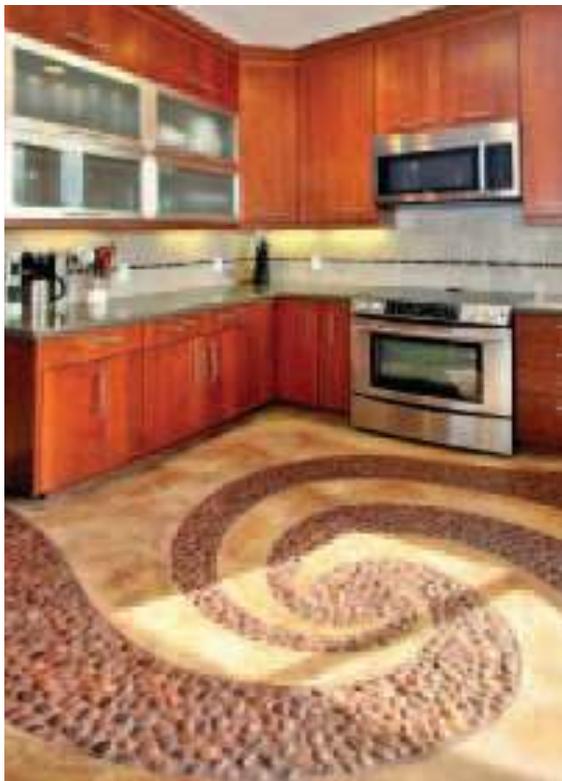


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Pebbled Paths

Examples of floor accents that add texture and detail



TWIRLED TREAD

The homeowners wanted an Asian-inspired kitchen remodel that incorporated pebbles and swirled patterns similar to those found in Zen gardens.

Sol Quintana Wagoner, senior designer at Jackson Design & Remodeling, in San Diego, proposed a concrete floor with a pebble path. She chose concrete as the background material for its contemporary look and because, unlike tile, it has no seams, which would have distracted from the pebbles.



PEBBLE PLACEMENT

The owner wanted to feel pebbles underfoot while doing dishes, so the pattern starts out wide at the sink and matches the flow of the kitchen.

Quintana Wagoner and her assistant drew the design on the existing concrete subfloor; then subcontractor Todd Seaboch, of concrete coating company Life Deck, used spray adhesive to place a semi-rigid foam strip on the edges of the design before pouring the new concrete floor.

The designers carefully placed the mesh sheets of pebbles to avoid straight seams, selecting individual pebbles to maintain the tapered shape at the ends. Seaboch stained the concrete, then coated the entire floor with epoxy, and then a sealant.

Zensational The smooth, simple lines in the kitchen contrast with and accentuate the pebble design.

GLASS ACT

Robert Kraft, owner of Kraft Custom Construction, in Salem, Ore., worked with tile contractor Bob Goodwill to create this bathroom floor accent, which Kraft describes as a perfect example of the marriage of design and craftsmanship.

Though the glass pebbles in this bathroom are custom made by an artist, remodelers can achieve a similar look using pebbles on mesh sheets. "You can spice it up a little bit and still be budget-conscious," Kraft says.

CUT IT OUT

Glass was a design theme in this condominium remodel, and the interior designer specified glass pebbles for the bathroom floor.

The designer glued the pebbles to heavy paper, and the tile contractor lifted and placed each pebble per that pattern. The contractor cut the tile around the curves of the pebbles and grouted the whole floor. —Nina Patel, senior editor, REMODELING.

See Glass "There will be research and development involved, but ... [you] will figure it out," Robert Kraft says.

