

OVERVIEW ON TERRAZZO SAMPLES



INTRODUCTION TO TERRAZZO SAMPLES

Terrazzo has seen a revival in today's architectural and design projects. Terrazzo is a flooring material that consists of chips of marble, quartz, glass, granite and other suitable material that is set in either a cementitious or epoxy binder.

Architects and designers alike have used terrazzo in residential and commercial settings for its long-lasting and stunning results. Today terrazzo is commonly installed in places such as schools, airports, hospitals, restaurants, office headquarters, and other commercial buildings.

Epoxy terrazzo emerged over decades, offering a wider selection of colors that can be used in the overall terrazzo design. Epoxy terrazzo is notable for being generally stronger and more durable than cementitious terrazzo. Epoxy terrazzo is also thinner and lighter.

Terrazzo companies like Doyle Dickerson Terrazzo assist architects, designers and other construction professionals in creating a great design for their projects. Doyle Dickerson Terrazzo works with manufacturers to develop a new terrazzo sample from scratch, or takes a control sample from a previous project and creates an entirely new sample that matches both the aggregates and colors shown in the existing sample.

As terrazzo continues to trend today, architects can request samples to better understand the material. There are different combination of aggregates and epoxy resin colors made available so anyone can find a design they can invest in.

Architects can use their senses to evaluate the material, even finding new design possibilities for a project's design. Once a sample has been approved, it will be expanded to fit the intended space during the installation process.

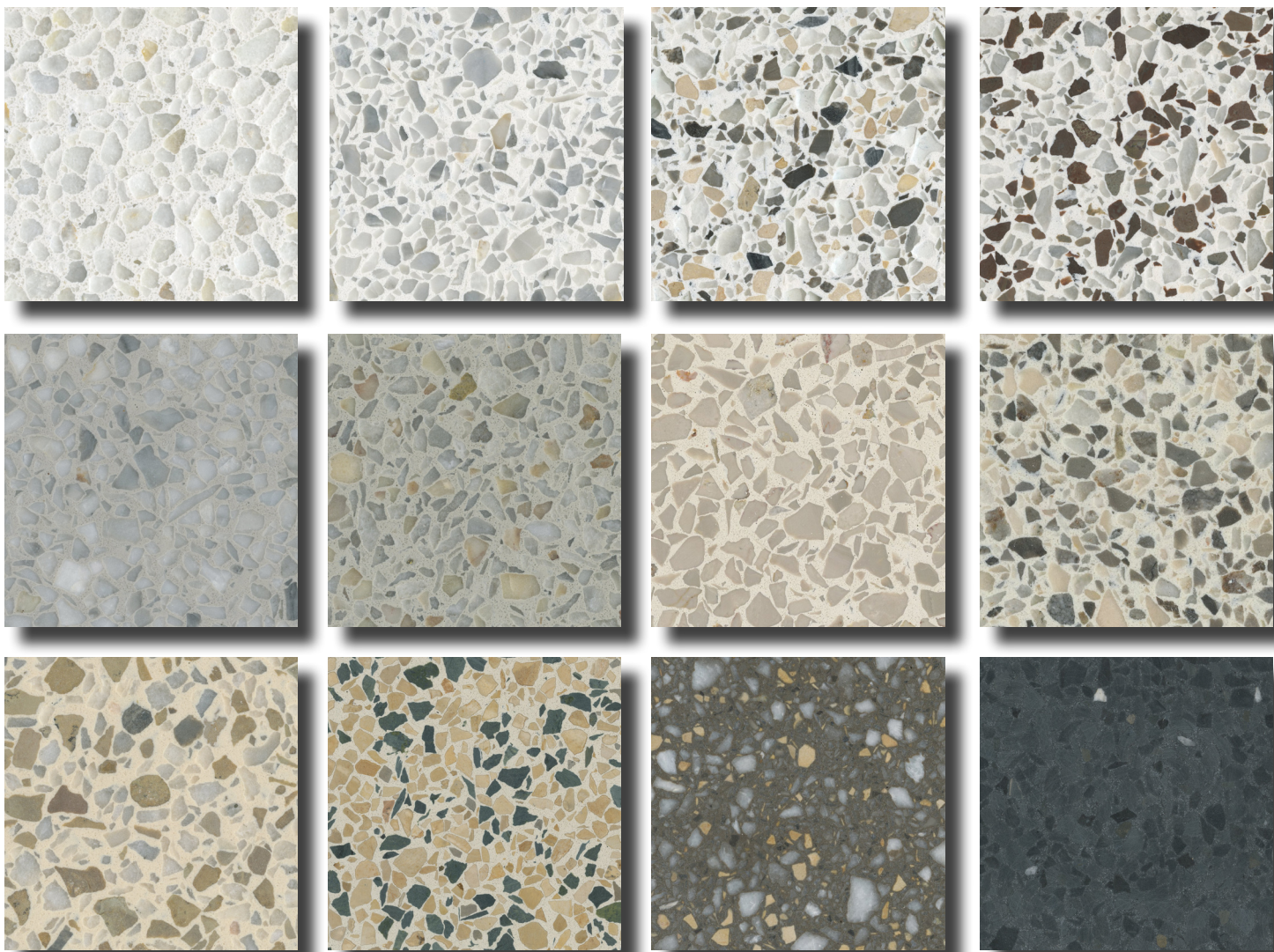
From start to finish, Doyle Dickerson Terrazzo guides architects and designers as they explore the advantages of epoxy terrazzo. Terrazzo samples are handled with care. All samples are custom made, starting from the selection of materials which will then be poured, grind and polished, and sealed, then finished as the manufacturer ships the sample.

So which terrazzo sample will catch your eye? Will you go with traditional style of terrazzo that uses standard sized terrazzo chips, or will you be drawn to the Venetian style of terrazzo that incorporates larger chip sizes. There is abundance of options available that will guarantee to leave a lasting impression to all who will one day have a look at the finished design.

TERRAZZO SAMPLES: MARBLE CHIPS

Marble, quartz and granite are the most commonly used terrazzo chips. Many quarries around the world offer unique options in marble which vary in colors and texture. Terrazzo was formed in the 15th century when Venetian workers found new purpose for marble discards. They took the remnants and built terraces around their homes.

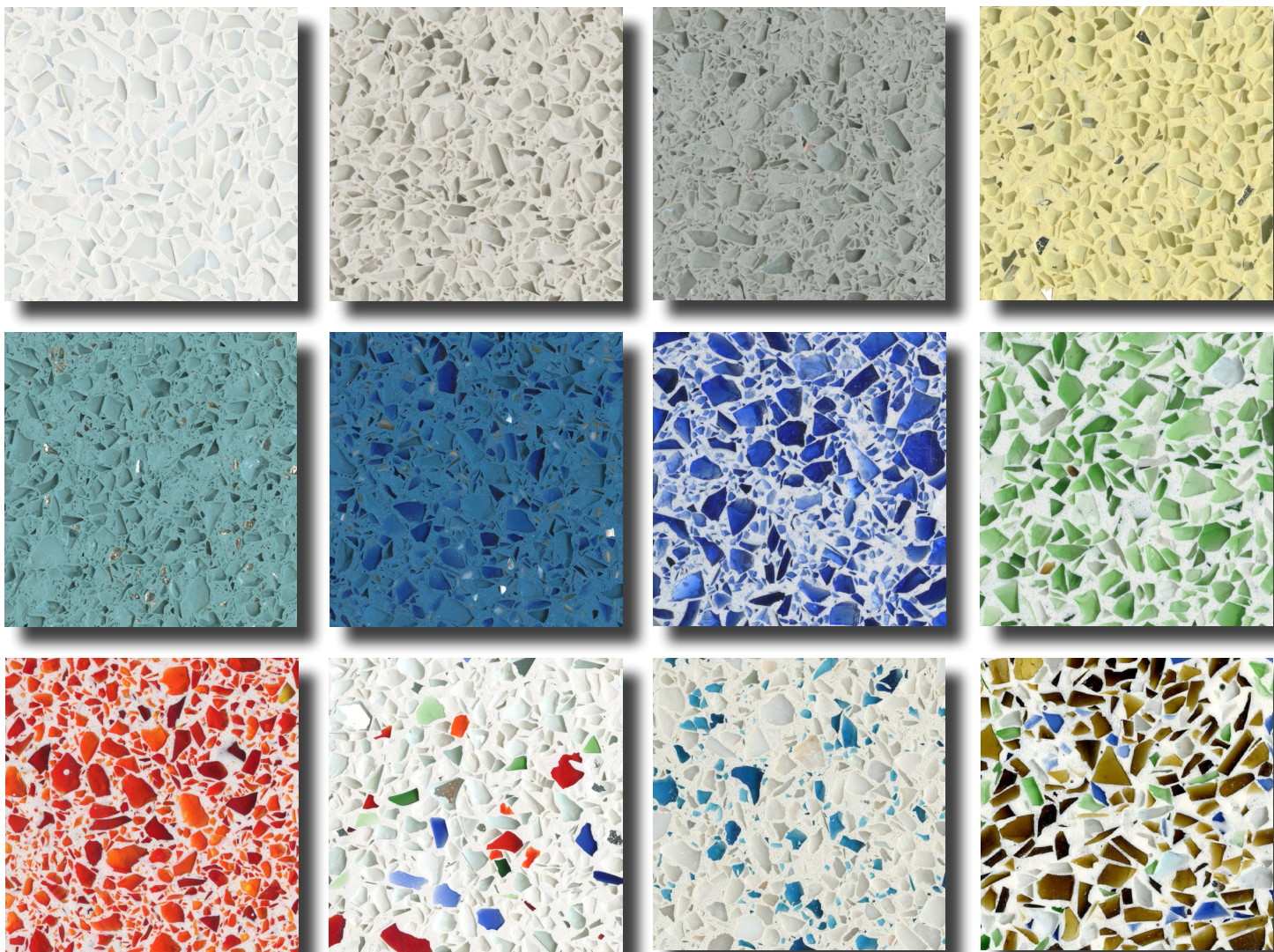
These samples can offer a contemporary look for any terrazzo floor, walls, staircase or other terrazzo finish. Because there are many quarries around the world, marble chips offers a wider selection of aggregates in terms of chip colors.



TERRAZZO SAMPLES: RECYCLED GLASS

Terrazzo samples featuring pre-consumer, post-consumer, or post-industrial glass provides a decorative surface that is cost-effective and durable. Recycled glass chips can come from products such as bottles, mirrors, and television screens and reused again for a terrazzo's design.

Today glass terrazzo is seen in many terrazzo products especially kitchen and bathroom countertops. Glass chips showcase a more vibrant and colorful look over marble chips, which can help draw attention to the product, or the use of clear glass can blend in with any resin color.



TERRAZZO SAMPLES: SEASHELLS

Another option for terrazzo samples is the use of seashells. Millions of seashells land on the shore each day, and can be re-purposed for many products including terrazzo. Local beaches, and coastlines around the world offer some of the most beautiful shells. One of the most beautiful and commonly used seashell used in terrazzo today is Mother of Pearl.

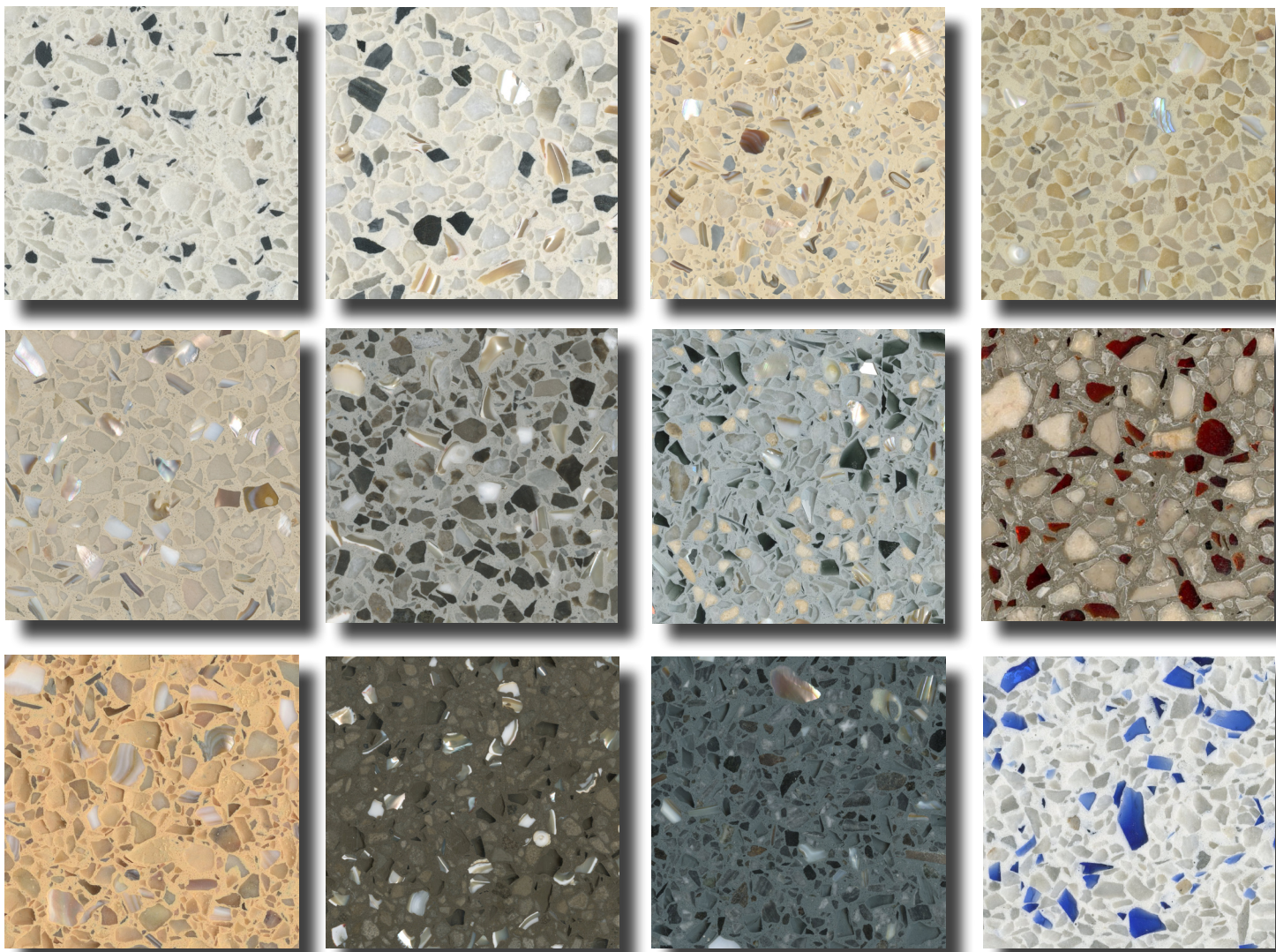
These shells provide a different look compared to marble and glass chips. Some shells reflect off the floor for a dazzling effect. It's a way to find alternatives that will help preserve some of the Earth's resources.



TERRAZZO SAMPLES: MIX OF AGGREGATES

Terrazzo designs are endless. Architects and designers can mix and match aggregates to find a design that meets the needs of a project. With a mix design, it is determined how much of each aggregate will be used to create the sample. There is no limit to the amount of aggregates used in a design neither.

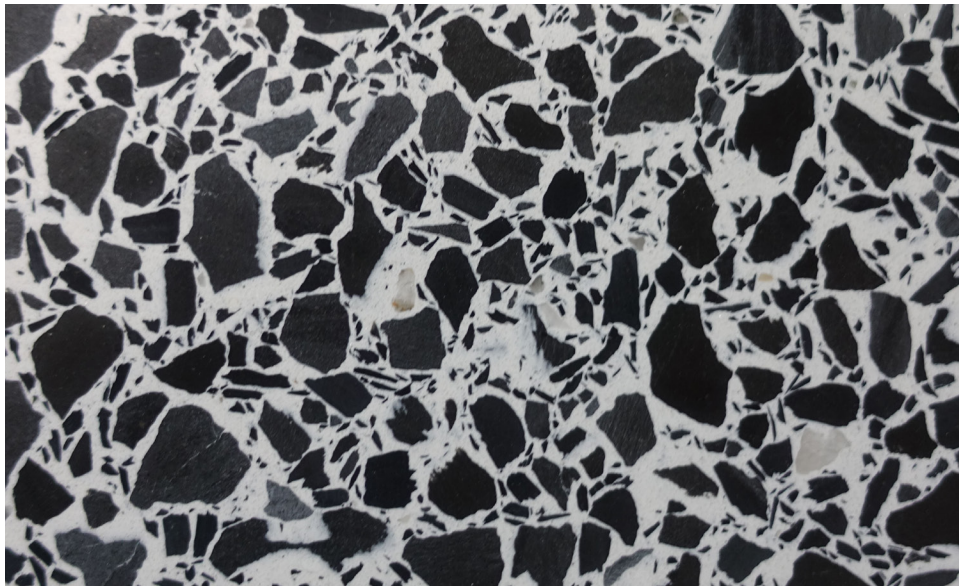
If you can conceptualize a design, then chances are that it can be developed using any aggregates available today and any resin color. As a result, terrazzo is becoming a preferred building material by architects and designers for its flexible design.



TERRAZZO SAMPLES: STANDARD & VENETIAN

STANDARD

Most terrazzo samples are produced in standard form. Standard refers to using terrazzo chips that are sized at #0, #1 and #2. Architects also have the option of deciding upon an aggregate that is smaller or larger in size than the standard size if they wish to do so.



VENETIAN

Chips larger than the standard #2 size is referred to as Venetian terrazzo. Venetian terrazzo chip sizes range from size #3 through size #8. Venetian terrazzo has increasingly drawn interest by architects and designers to use in specific projects that require large floor designs.



TERRAZZO SAMPLES: CHIP SIZE CHART

Size (#)	Passes Screen	Retained on Screen
Size #0	1/8 inch	1/16 inch
Size #1	1/4 inch	1/8 inch
Size #2	3/8 inch	1/4 inch
Size #3	1/2 inch	3/8 inch
Size #4	5/8 inch	1/2 inch
Size #5	3/4 inch	5/8 inch
Size #6	7/8 inch	3/4 inch
Size #7	1 inch	7/8 inch
Size #8	1 1/8 inch	1 inch



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