

Top 10 Uses for Cement Tiles in Restaurants

If you're looking for something special for your restaurant's walls and flooring that can stand up to high traffic while also being resistant to water, food and drink spills, and environmental damage, take a look at beautiful cement tile. Reminiscent of century-old Encaustic Tiles, cement tiles have been handcrafted by artisans for decades. The designs and colors create a beautiful and durable surface that is more aesthetically appealing than basic cement or drywall, and more durable and eco-friendly than wood or laminate flooring.

Our tiles are made from mineral pigmented Portland cement, are completely customizable, and are perfect for restaurant floors, walls, bars, bathrooms, backsplashes, and even outdoors. Want to learn more? Below are some of our top uses for cement tiles in restaurants!

1. **Open up a room.** Much like well-placed mirrors give the illusion of space, decorative cement tiles create the illusion of openness in small areas of a restaurant. Try placing our beautiful tile on angled walls and backsplashes to give the appearance of more space. You'll add instant height to the room and along with an aesthetically pleasing décor.
2. **Create beautiful backsplashes.** With cement tile you can create a striking pattern that is unique to your restaurant's personality. Try a Mayan-inspired mosaic, a deeply vibrant Moroccan tile color mix, or maybe a monochromatic scheme. Transform boring walls into beautiful artwork with a design that's all your own!
3. **Generate a mood.** Every color and shape creates a specific feeling. If you're going for a modern style with clean lines (like an upscale coffee shop or bar), try installing neutral tiles in a geometric pattern. For a European feel (like a bistro or Mediterranean restaurant), add some hexagonal tiles with a more antiquated color story. For a fancy and sophisticated look, try a Japanese wave pattern or even combine pristine white and light tan for a polished finish.
4. **Inspire your design.** The right tile design and color palette can add the perfect finishing touch to your overall restaurant décor. You can pick the color and shape that matches your furniture and color scheme, or you can even use the tile as a basis for your overall design and go from there.
5. **Craft a focal point.** When you install a gorgeous mosaic pattern or a richly colorful tile, it can become a beautiful focal point in your restaurant. Rather than hanging a picture on the wall, why not think about adding tile instead? Or create a striking fireplace element by outlining it in customizable tiles that nobody else will be able to replicate. Or even place tiles on the interior of a niche to create a special decorative accent.
6. **Take it outside.** Exterior design is just as important as interior design, and cement tiles are perfect for outdoor eating and waiting areas. The tiles can be sealed to give them

UV protection, scratch-resistance, and waterproofing, and are much more beautiful than concrete.

7. **Match your tiles to your menu.** Create a unified theme by matching your tiles to your menus! Geometric patterns and sleek, sharp lines speak to Modernism. Rustic terracotta tiles invite a cultured, world-traveled diner. Spanish-style or Moroccan tiles compliment Mexican food restaurants, adding an authentic feel to the space.
8. **Build a sexy bathroom.** Continue the visual story of your restaurant into its bathrooms by installing matching tile on the walls or floors. Your customers can wash up in a luxurious environment with a crimson colored tile, or step into a beautiful resort-like setting with light blues and greens.
9. **Create an otherworldly experience.** Take your guests back in time or instantly transport them to the other side of the globe with thoughtfully installed tile. Victorian designs can bring a long forgotten era back to life, while Moroccan designs can create a Spanish or Bohemian flare that offers customers a glimpse of another place and culture.
10. **Make it yours.** Experiment with different colors and shapes to create the ambiance you want for your restaurant. Cement tiles come in almost every color in the spectrum, in different kinds of patterns, and in all types of shapes. That means you can pick a design, pick a color, and create a customized tile design that's absolutely unique to you!

While cuisine may be the primary reason for guests to visit an establishment, it is the subtle design elements that entice them to continue their restaurant dining experiences. At Rustico Tile and Stone, our eco-friendly and sealable cement tiles are a unique way for restaurant owners to communicate visually with their customers.

Portland cement tiles and UV protecting/water-resistant sealers are available for purchase at Rustico Tile & Stone in Austin, TX.