

WHAT A RELIEF Roman clay, spray sand, limewash, hand-tooled plaster; touchy-feely textured surfaces are where it's at right now with walls. If you want some action to your surfaces, coverings with a three-dimensional feel will take this trend to the next level. Specialist wallpaper brand Arte, beloved by interior designers, is all over this with its new Babylon Collection of pronounced relief decorative wall panels that resemble plasterwork. Medjoul 97021 in Dune wallcovering (110x90 cm), from €726 for two tiles, Arte-international.com SURFACI Stars From innovative ways with waste materials to highly textured natural finishes from days gone by; this season's new surface design trends for walls, worktops, accessories and flooring are anything but boring... WORDS RÓISÍN CARABINE



STRIPE IT UP

Thick deck chair stripes are having a moment right now. And not just on fabrics and wallpapers, but with tiles too. This trend is all about maximum impact so don't be afraid to get creative and experiment with different laying patterns, colour combos and finishes. We're loving this striped bathroom by Ca' Pietra (pictured), featuring vertically laid tiles in alternating Petite Porcelain Gloss Blue and Sky (from €170.69 per sq m, Tilestyle.ie) along the front of the bath panel.



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BACK TO BROWN

"Rich, warm and enveloping, it's not hard to see why brown is a key trend for the forthcoming season," says Mandarin Stone's creative director, Louisa Morgan. "Opt for a rustic, authentic look by embracing traditional patterns in brick and chestnut shades. Or go big on texture, choosing tiles that are deliberately not uniform with slight tonal variations and gentle surface undulations."



Soho Collection of brown porcelain tiles in matt and gloss, from €56.39, per sq m, Mandarinstone.com

LOVING LINEN

Linen has long been a fashion industry favourite and this season it's making an appearance in interiors – although not in a way you'd expect. "Think linen wallpaper," says interior designer Julianne Kelly. "We have the most beautiful pure linen herringbone plain from Colefax and Fowler called Hector (pictured, from €285 per metre). It's the perfect backdrop for elegant curtains or upholstered furniture and adds so much depth and richness to a room."



HERE FOR VENEER

If there's one wood that's set to dominate the surface scene this year, and next, engineered veneer is it, according to Lorraine Stevens of LOMI Design. "Made from wood and wood pulp products it's much more eco-friendly than solid or traditional veneers. Plus, its method of production allows for a lot more experimentation with textures and patterns." says Lorraine. Case in point, this Blush wood veneer sideboard with textured corten steel surface, Lomi.ie



