

Leaf series, featuring a collection of four leaf tiles commonly cut into slate. The same series is also popular in kitchen backsplashes.

❖ The advantages of using raised relief tiles are numerous. The images add dimension and a rich appearance to any room, whether it is a kitchen, bathroom, entry, etc. And homeowners like Ann and Jim Petrin, of South Hill, can personalize rooms to reflect their decorating tastes, as well as match colors to existing draperies, upholstery, or even photographs.

❖ The Petrins recently surrounded their family room fireplace with Lutz Tile's grape arbor tile, complimented with a rich red color wash on a field tile. Ann says she took the arm caps from her furniture into the showroom to have Lutz Tile match the color exactly. In the kitchen, they used Lutz's line of fruits, including strawberries, blackberries, pears, and cherries with an emphasis on the reds and yellows to line their backsplash. "I wanted something with a Pacific Northwest flavor," says Ann, adding Terri sent home boxes of tile samples for her and her husband to look at and see in the lighting and spaces of their own home.

❖ "They gave us a whole process of personal care," she says. "We were extremely pleased with the outcome, and we thought it was fun to use a local artist. They were very patient with us."

❖ Terri and John are active both locally and nationally with tile organizations and community projects. They are members of the national Tile Heritage Foundation, which promotes tile research and preservation, and John has represented art studios throughout the country on the Tile Council of America. They also have displayed their tiles at several international tile and stone expositions, including shows in Florida, California, Nevada, and Illinois.



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