

Human Collection Connections

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Human Connections™Collection

Technology continues to make our lifestyle smoother, faster and more banded together through the cybersphere. As a result, we humans yearn for connection, whether it is to other humans, tactile touch, or surrounding ourselves with elements from nature. Now more than ever, tech work environments around the world are proof that people need to meet, collaborate and connect in real physical spaces. This need is driving radical change in design. The office of the future is where movement allows people to meet and mingle, often referred to as collision spaces.

40+ years ago, work spaces evolved out of garages and informally inhabited post industrial warehouses. Whether intentional or financially driven, ad-hock, "anti-design" environments introduced the new cool. Recent discussions once again compare urban design to workplace strategy. Formal design and planning for the next generation offices incorporate urban elements such as neighborhoods, town squares, parks and shops allowing for pedestrian movement and people centric spaces creating zones for interaction. In *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*, Jane Jacobs' prolific urban design teachings help guide us into the next genre of design: not a form of chaos, rather representing a complex form of order, embracing the organic nature of people and space. In *The Social Life of Small Urban Spaces*, William Whyte observed urban behavior driven by the needs of people in small spaces: people tend to sit where there are other people and places to sit. Triangulation is the external stimulus providing a link that connects people.

Technology, generational demand, and flexible work policies have created a tribal culture that allows work to happen anytime, anywhere. The new urbane working environments support this nomadic behavior as our new mobile working class migrates between life style hubs and community co-working environments in these tech cities.

As bringing nature into our working and living environments evolves beyond trend into a movement, always inspired by biophilia - the study of how nature contributes to our wellbeing and makes us feel; bringing nature indoors via natural cityscapes, is the featured design solution connecting these worlds. Janine Benyus recounts how like in an ecosystem, the city is complex and thrives on diversity. Human Connections embraces nature's elements in interactive, gritty urban hip neighborhoods.

The Collection

The genesis for Human Connections is the dynamic quality of a work force that is in constant, people oriented movement; a neighborhood, whether leading pathways for zoning, wayfinding or crossing points, all fostering interaction. This concept of the collection is a broader offering than a traditional, single surface with choices of colors and patterns.

The collection transcends multiple-scales, offering a multitude of choices and combinations; it is part of a greater system. The product line genuinely mimics city surfaces such as turfs, patterns, textures and grounds. The names in the collection, Paver, Stone, Moss and Course are reminiscent of the actual materials of a cityscape in colors represented in nature, stone-like warm grays, an array of greens, and include pops of color as small punctuations, much like flowers in bloom bring color to the landscape.

Human Connections not only includes new designs but correlates to past collections. This new strategy offers infinite choices and combinations that blur lines between the traditional aspects of floor and ground. The floor cannot force people to connect, but it can inspire a call to our natural instincts. Human Connections is the most versatile product line we have designed to date.









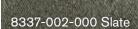








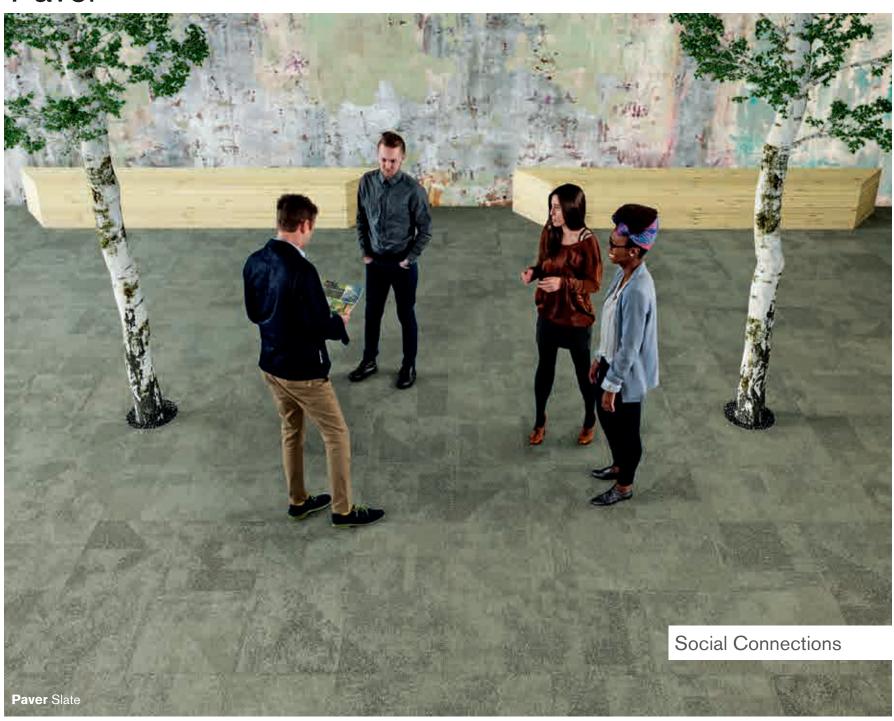
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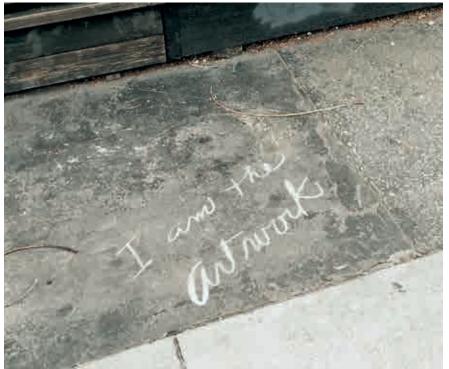


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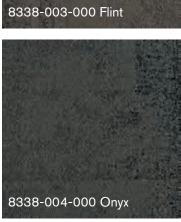


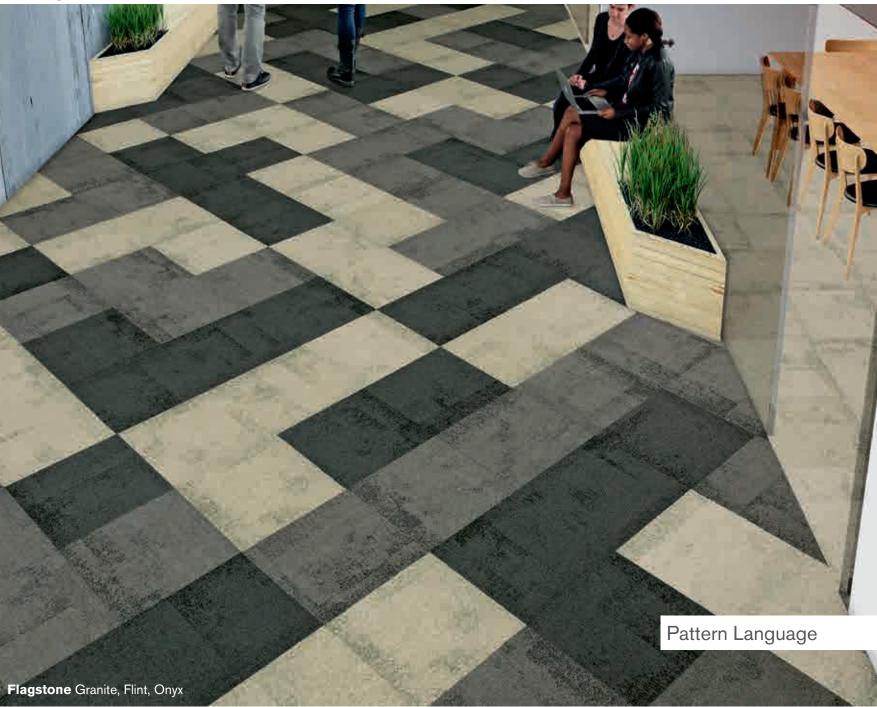














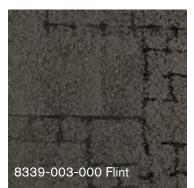






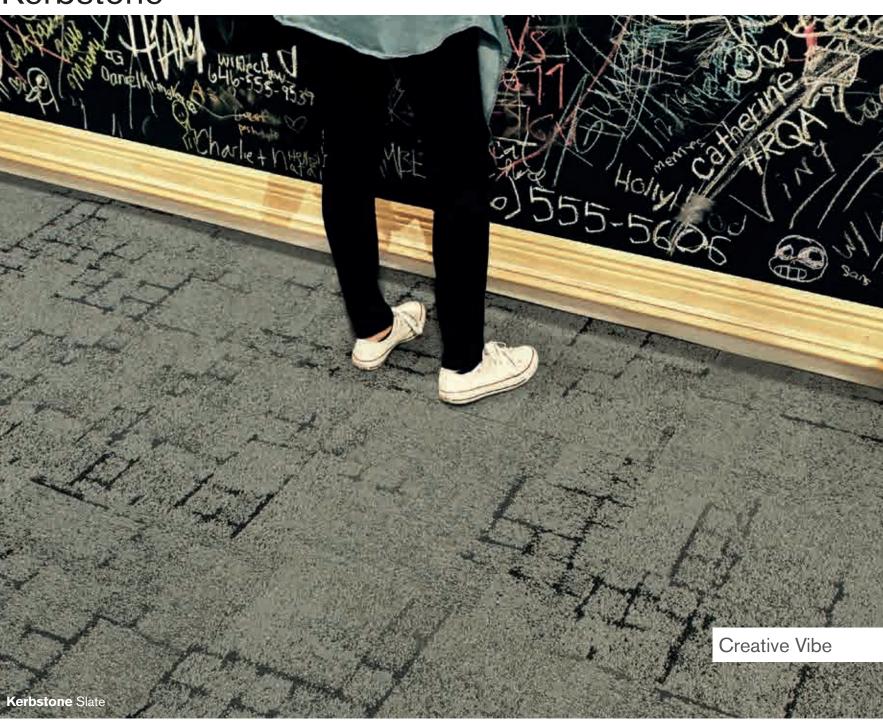
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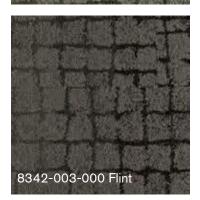






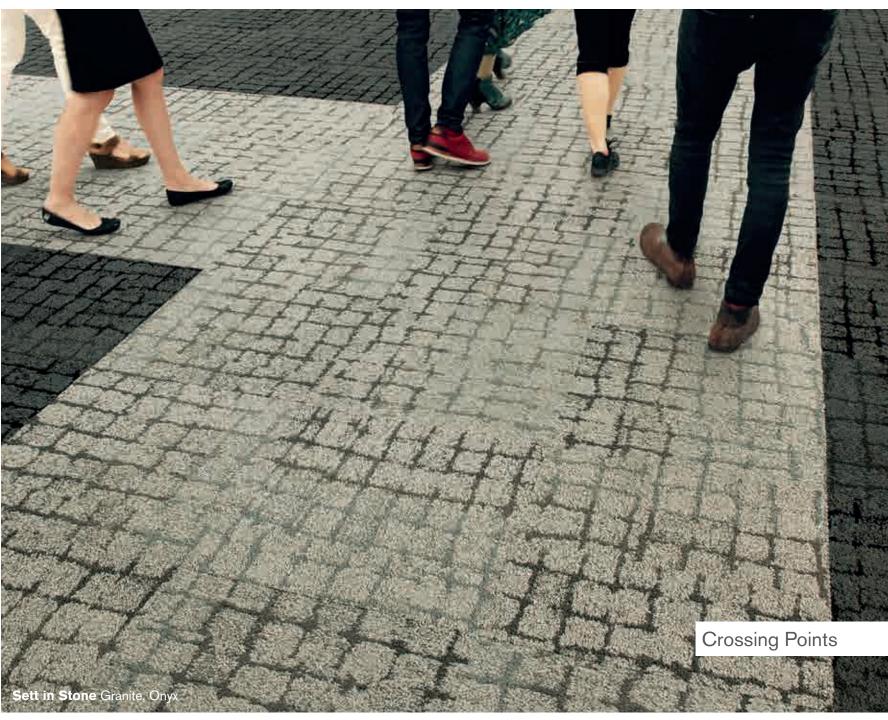
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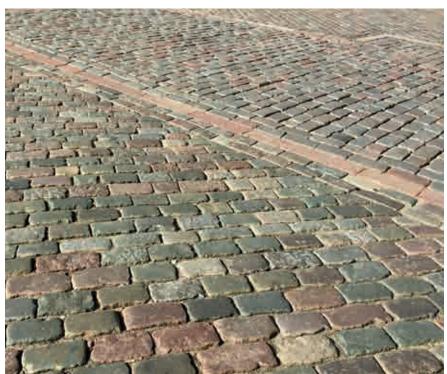


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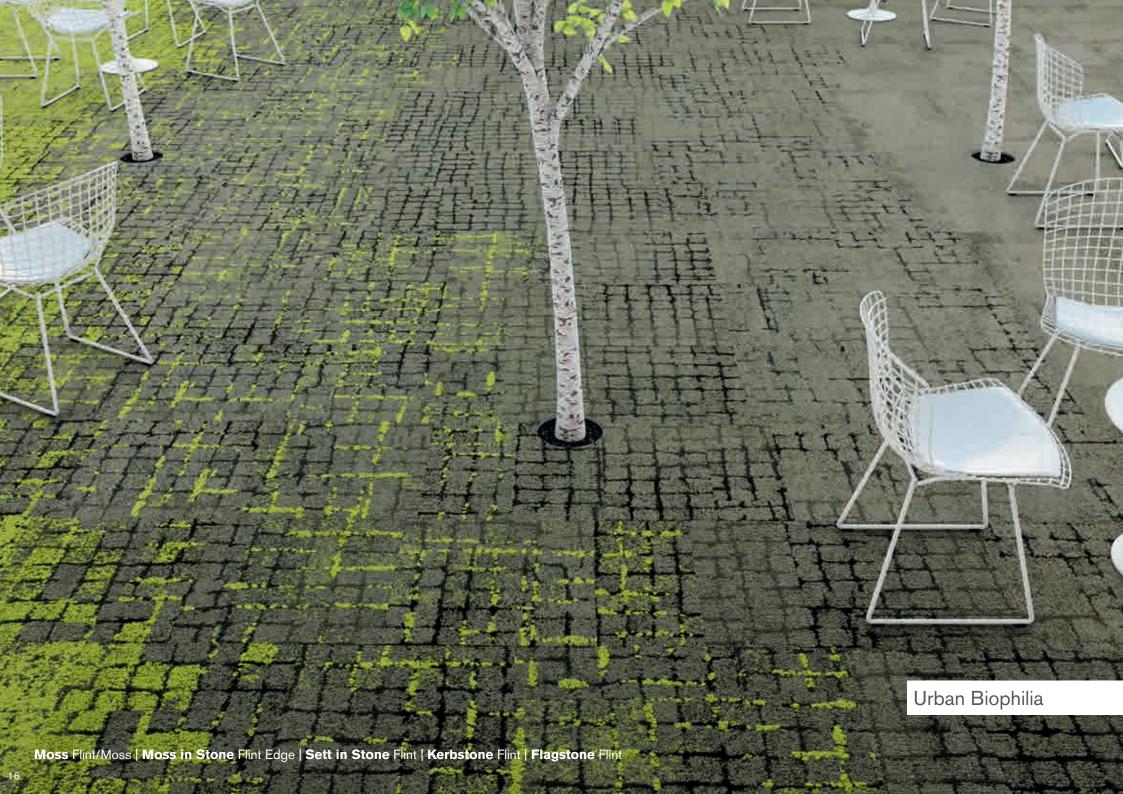














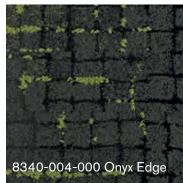




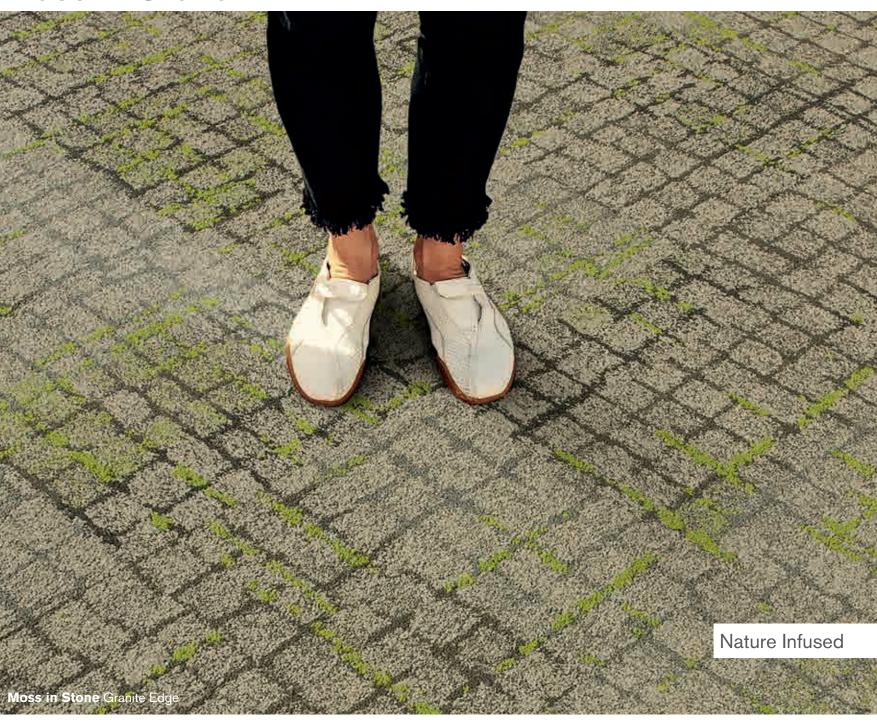
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Moss in Stone











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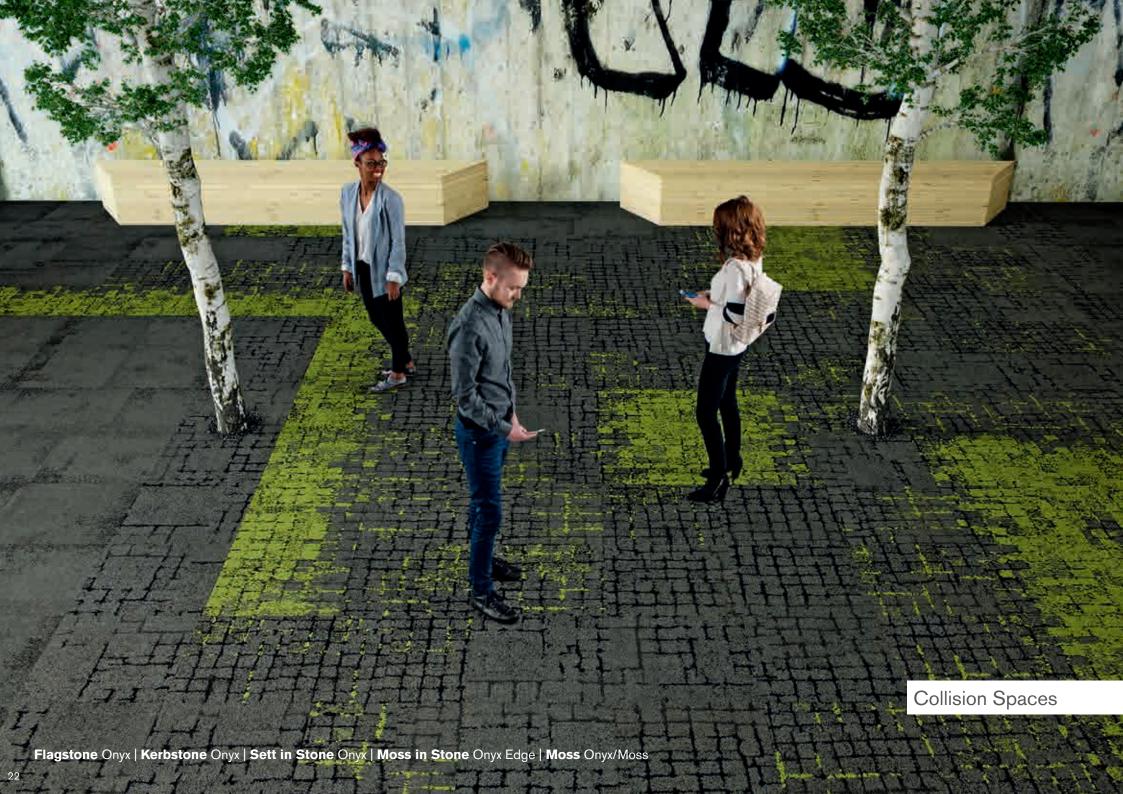














































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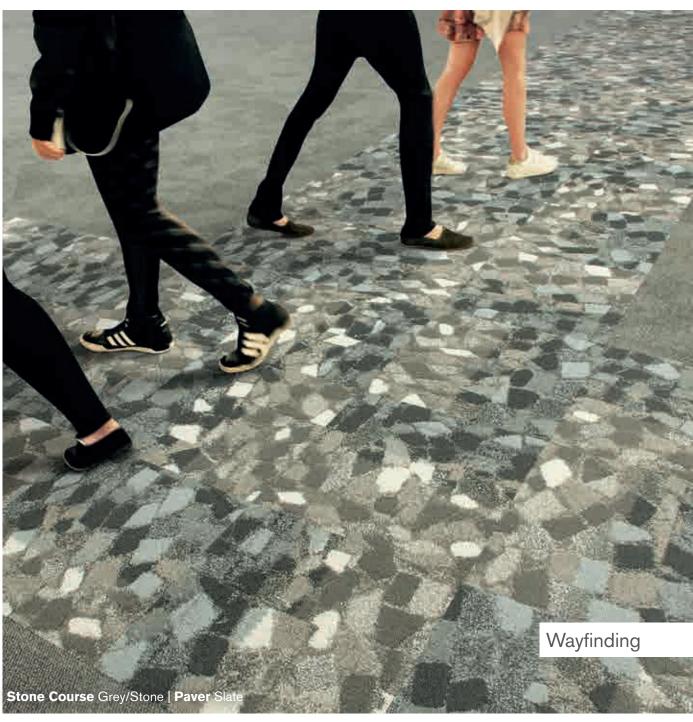
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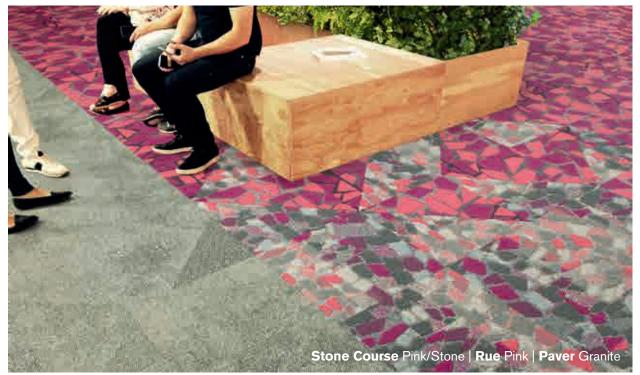






Stone Course

















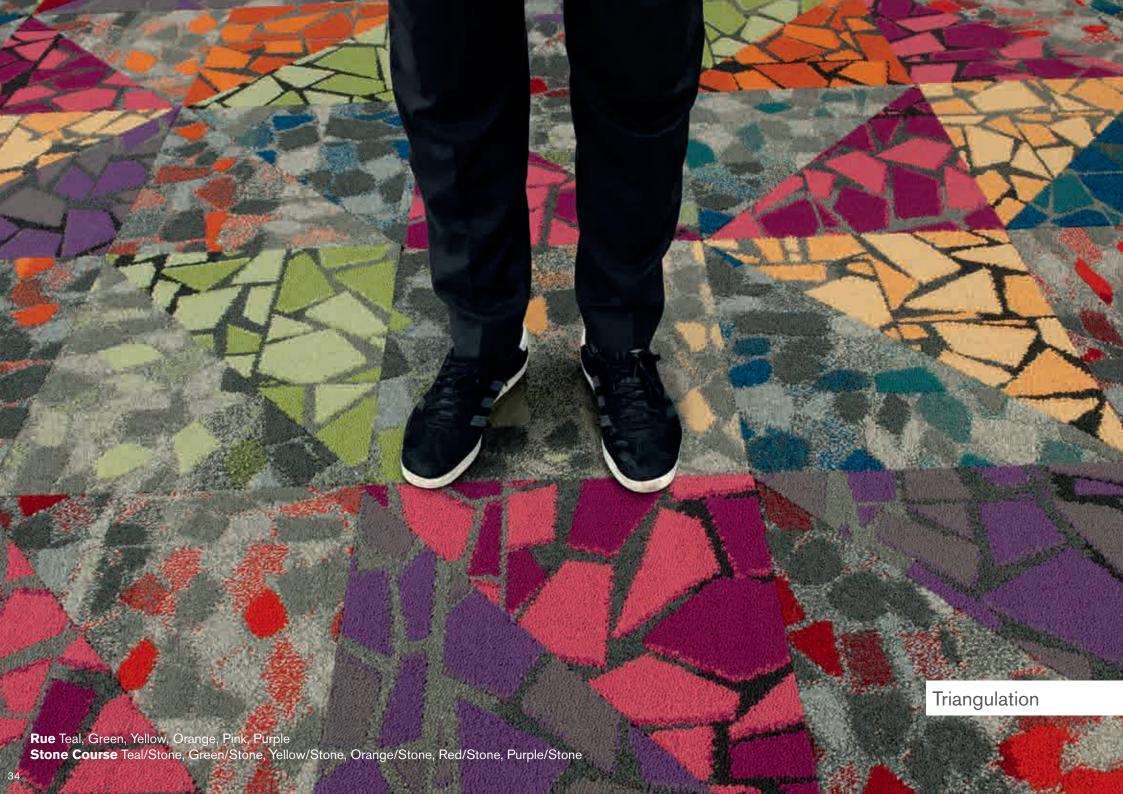


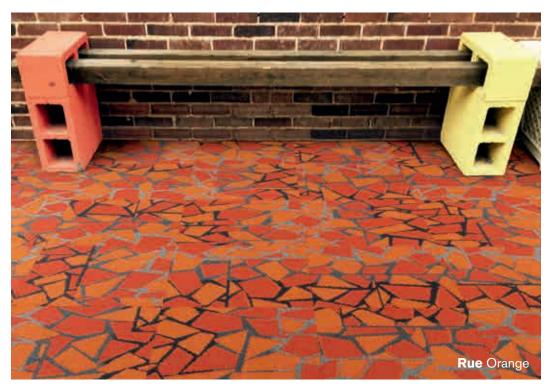


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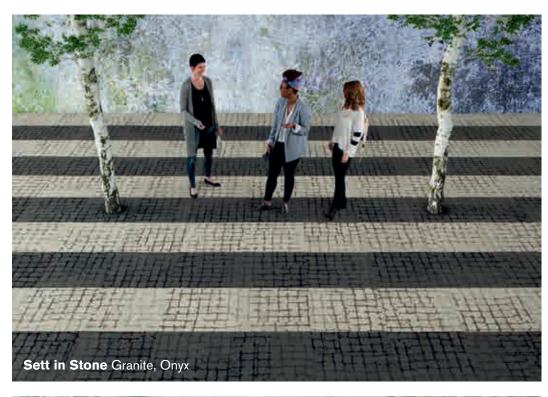






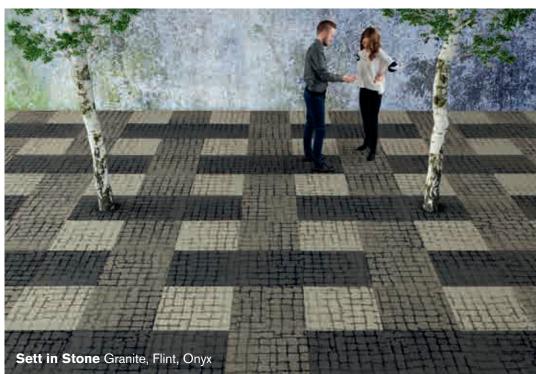








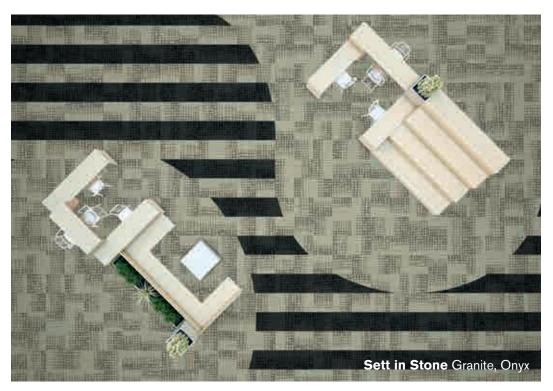








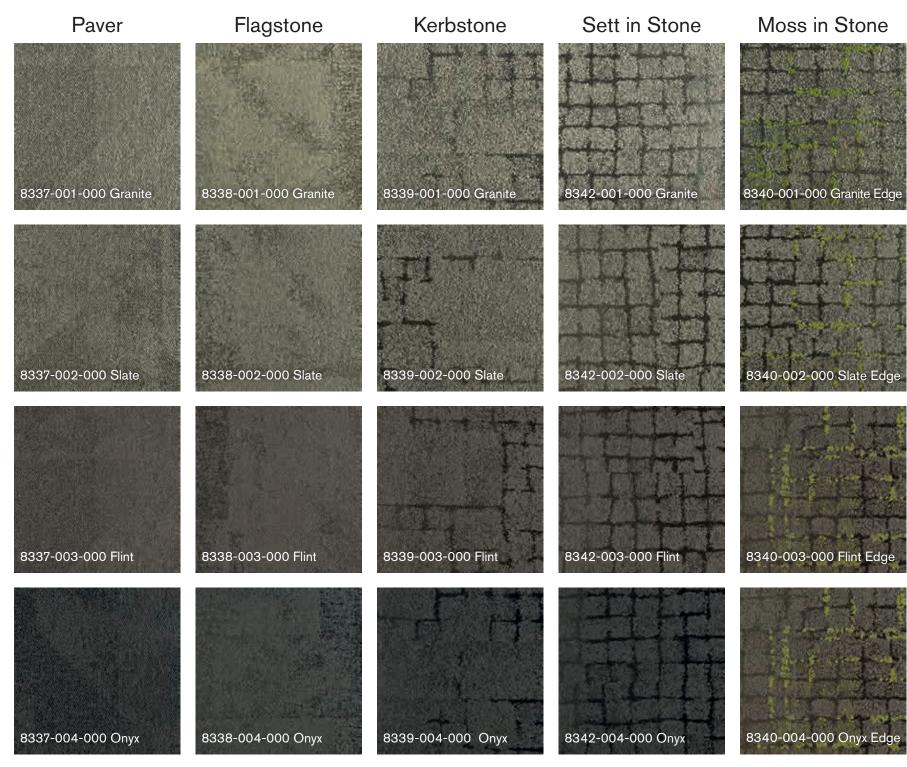


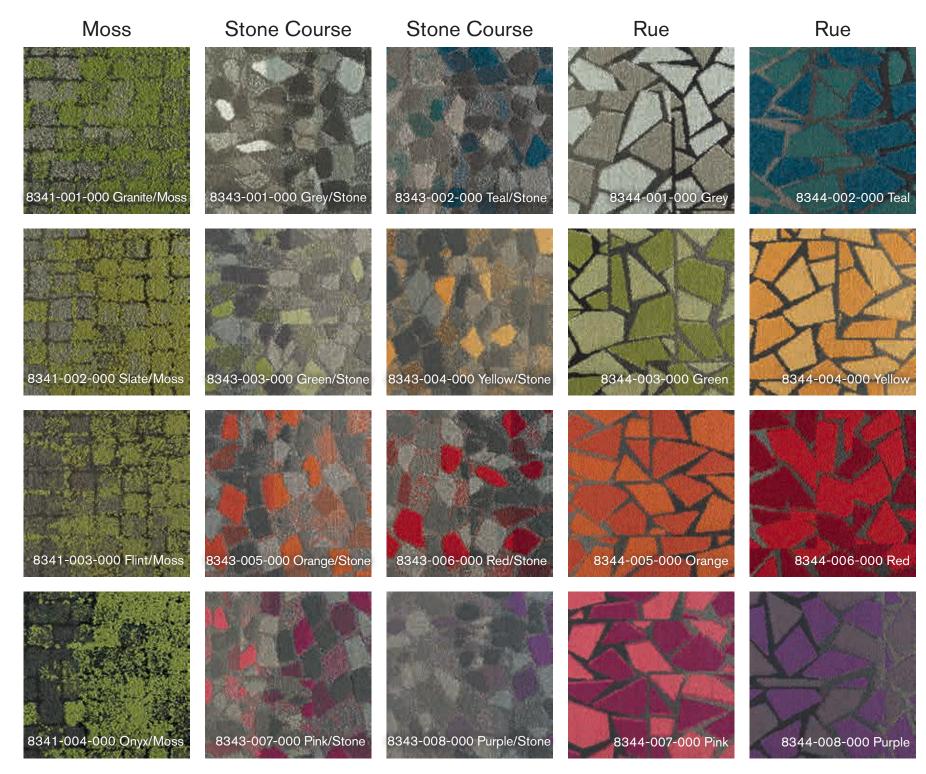


















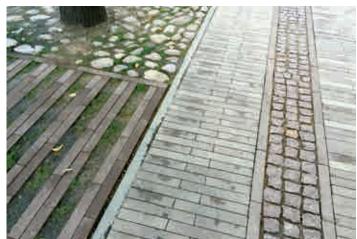


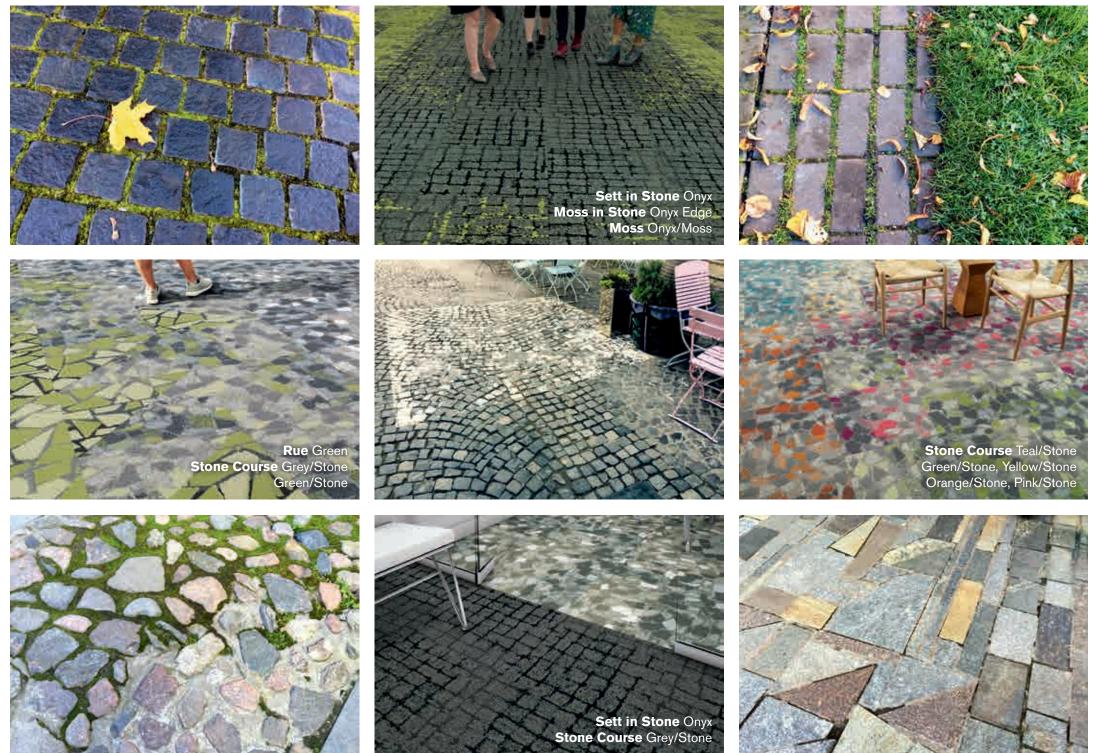














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