

1 YOU SPIN ME RIGHT 'ROUND

Aluminum Twirl from Formica incorporates real metal for an unconventional yet appealing counter option. \$450 per square foot. formica.com

2 STARS AND STRIPES

If Paul Smith designed laminate counters they'd look like the Color Wood Exotic Veneer from the classic brand Formica. \$450 per square foot. formica.com

3 COUNTER JEWELLERY

Cost of a semi-precious stone slab like this **Backlit Brown Agato**? \$20,000. Cost of seeing your friends' jaws drop in awe after a tinkle? Priceless. aeonstonetile.com

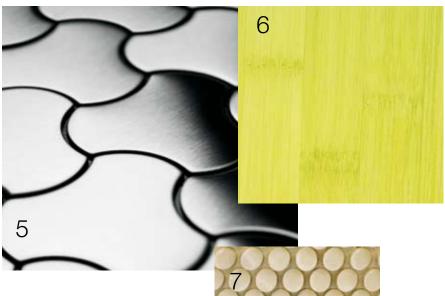
4 PEARLY WHITES

The new, oddly named Brown Lip Loose Mosaic Mother-of-Pearl Tiles from Artistic Tile can look stunning on the wall. \$12.33 per square foot. artistictile.com

TILE ONE ON

The bathroom gets a boost with playful counters and tiles.

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5 METAL GEAR

Karim Rashid's new **Ubiquity Tiles for Alloy** come in stainless steel, copper, brass and raw steel, fitting together like a jigsaw puzzle. About \$5 per tile. alloydesign.com.au

6 IT'S A BIRD, IT'S A PLANE...

Extreme Green Bamboo from Nevamar may channel an organic wood grain, but its almost-indestructible and fire-resistant properties make it more supernatural than natural. \$95.99 per 4-by-8-foot sheet. nevamar.com

7 HARD DECISIONS

Working in **custom concrete slabs** allows Victoria-based **Szolyd** to tailor large tiles to whatever their clients can dream up. Custom pricing available upon request. szolyd.com