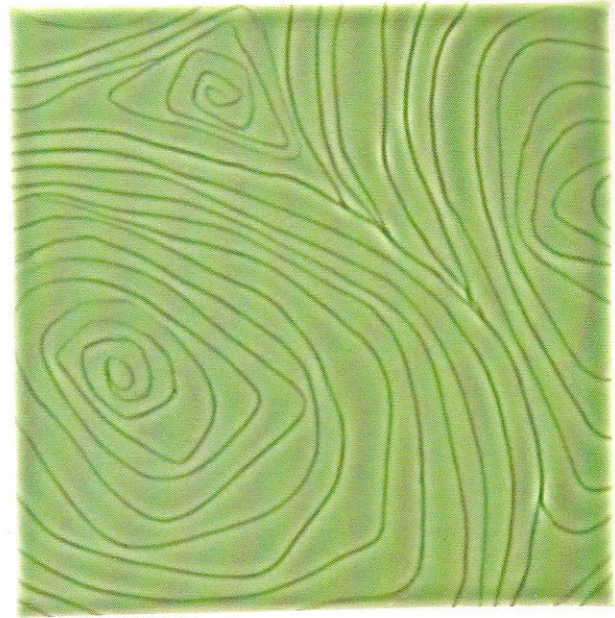


In a contest between subtlety and discretion, subtlety is most often on the losing end. A consequence of social media. The Impressions collection by Laura Kirar for Ann Sacks remembers sensitivity and restraint in pursuit of clean, compelling design. One can imagine the the inner dialogue of a ceramist as the prolific designer, artist and sculptor conjured up hand-etched, hand-glazed tiles reading like soft iconography drawn in sand. Tic Tac Oh, Icing, Herringbone and Woodcut (shown) are patterns benefiting from both their literal and artistic identities, tactile, enduring and not without a playful kick: that retro green hue is named "Envy." For showrooms, 800 278 8453 annsacks.com



A good soak will make it all go away. Calgon was sure of it. Swathed in bliss, this is the 100% Capri existence. Antonino Aiello's chic lifestyle brand distills all the lavish pleasures of the island into an unrivaled selection of accessories, clothing, décor and necessities, at the heart of which lies superior linen. Any habitu  of the region can attest to its sun-caressed beauty and unquenchable *amore* for the finer things. Everything in the line is made by hand in Italy, including these towels, which marry linen and terry cotton. They feel as luxurious as a limoncello at sunset on the Mediterranean Coast. With addresses in Rome, St. Bart's, Bal Harbour, and of course, Capri, this is a place to indulge. To purchase, 305 866 4117 100x100capri.it

Liquid versus bar soap. The debate rages on. Italian brand Baldi has little use for these trifles, preferring that their Home Jewels line of bath accessories keep the peace, like high fashion, crystallized ringside models—a sultry breath of fresh air between rounds. New for the season are the florid beckons of turquoise and amethyst. These are not bashful colors, however, baroque lines and Florentine craftsmanship imbue every tray and container with a sumptuousness the traditional stainless steel characters cannot compete with. Shouldn't everything in the powder room be as attractive as the reflection in the mirror? For stores, baldi.biz

