



For the foyer of her home in Roslyn Harbor, N.Y., Cara Woodhouse used custom silver-leaf wallpaper and designed a sculptural console. Brian Wetzel

When designing the foyer of her midcentury-modern home in Roslyn Harbor, N.Y., [Cara Woodhouse](#), a New York-based designer, lined the walls with custom wallpaper from [Surfaces by David Bonk](#). The pattern features pieces of silver leaf that are crowded together near the ceiling but spaced out farther down the walls, so they appear to be tumbling toward the floor. “It looks almost like snowflakes,” Ms. Woodhouse said, creating an effect that is eye-catching but “very light, bright and airy.”

Address the Floor

As you put on and take off your shoes, it's natural to focus on the floor of your entryway. That creates another opportunity to do something interesting.

Ms. Bunsu is a fan of using encaustic cement tiles with colorful graphic patterns in foyers. In a home in Jamesport, N.Y., she installed hexagonal tiles with mustard, light blue and dark blue details from [Popham Design](#) in a randomized pattern for a bold, geometric look. In her own home in Miami, she used rectangular tiles with free-form, black-and-white shapes, also from Popham Design, running them across the floor and up one wall.

"I wanted to play with the idea of the classic black-and-white checkerboard tile floor," she said. "But the Popham tile changes it up and makes it feel more modern."

For a client's home in Roslyn, N.Y., Ms. Woodhouse riffed on a traditional stone floor by installing triangular marble tiles from [Artistic Tile](#) in various colors, including white, black, red, pink, blue and green. "Because it was a small space, we were looking for that eye-candy moment that would pop," Ms. Woodhouse said. "It's where you would least expect it, which really makes a statement."



In a home in Roslyn, N.Y., Ms. Woodhouse installed a multicolored marble floor with a triangular pattern. Brian Wetzel