



A new collection of countertops, available in Calgary, has turned recycled glass into slabs of art. Beer and peanuts sold separately.

Vetrazzo dazzle

Look no further than a new countertop when it comes to sustainable building. Vetrazzo is a product that takes recycled glass — anything from clear or coloured bottles, traffic light lenses, stemware and windshields — and turns it into slabs that can be made into countertops, among other things for your home.

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When it comes to recycling, it doesn't get much better than this.

"This is the greenest surfacing that you can buy," says Sophie Belanger, director of marketing with Icon Stone & Tile. "It is made from post-consumed recycled glass."

A slab is made up of 85% recycled glass, mixed with a tinted concrete base to create a beautiful product that can be used for countertops, deskstops, tables, mantles or even a feature wall.

"It really is a piece of art," Belanger says. "Every slab is different, and the glass just shines."

Vetrazzo unveiled four new earth-tone colours that range from chic white on white with Martini Flint, to a timeless taupe in Porter Flint. Midrange between these finds beige Champagne Flint and khaki Margarita Flint.

One slab can be made up of up to 1,000 bottles, Belanger says. "You're saving all that stuff from the landfill."

Vetrazzo has been featured in new Calgary area developments — Drake Landing by Shane Homes is featuring Vetrazzo Charisma Blue with Patina as a countertop.

The Vetrazzo flint collection is available at Icon Stone & Tile in Calgary. Visit the store's website at www.inconstonetile.com for more information.