

**ACADEMIC APPROACH**

Start 2010 off right by getting educated about environmentally aware architecture. Opening February 10, a new, three-month-long exhibit at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst fine art gallery will showcase contemporary, sustainable building processes (with a specific focus on the Pioneer Valley region of Western Massachusetts). Architects featured include national figures and local stars. Inside the gallery, the "Green Lounge" offers space for visitors interested in new materials. Designed by local architects and outfitted with eco-friendly furniture, the lounge features a comprehensive interactive database of green resources and materials. For more details on the companion lecture series, visit [umass.edu/fac/universitygallery](http://umass.edu/fac/universitygallery) or call 413-545-3670. —MOLLY JANE QUINN



► A RESIDENCE IN AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS, CREATED BY CHAO DESIGNS



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**CERAMIC TILES, WITH AN ECO TWIST** | The market is saturated with recycled-glass tiles, but until recently the choices for recycled-ceramic tile were underwhelming. Our favorites from the new crop of design-forward tiles incorporate repurposed marble, granite, and clay to create colorful patterns and unusual finishes. —M.J.Q.



**1 SWIRLY-CURL** (encaustic cement with recycled marble dust) by Urban Archaeology, Boston Design Center; 617-737-4646, [urbanarchaeology.com](http://urbanarchaeology.com).



**2 METALLIC SPHERES** (recycled-content ceramic) by Terra Green Ceramics, exclusive to DalTile, through Down East Tile, Stowe, Vermont; 802-253-7001, [terragreenceramics.com](http://terragreenceramics.com).



**3 ECO LEADER** (recycled-content porcelain) by Refin-Ceramiche, through Stone Source, Boston; 617-671-0900, [stonesource.com](http://stonesource.com).



**4 CUERDA SECA** (recycled-content ceramic) by Fireclay, through Terrene, Acton, Massachusetts; 978-263-8311, [fireclaytile.com](http://fireclaytile.com).