



## Tiles for a stylish *hair salon*

**K**ymric Hall, on the corner of Berg and Wilhelmina streets in the trendy town of Franschoek, oozes style as a hair salon. "Originally we didn't want tiles but functionally we needed something that was soundless and smooth, and receptive to underfloor heating, so rectified porcelain was ideal," says interior decorator Nica Maree.

"The white porcelain tiles give a clean hygienic feel which is appropriate for a hair salon. The theme of contrast was executed on the floor with different coloured, rectangular 30 x 60 cm (grey silk and cream silk) matt tiles that have a woven finish, interspersed with square 60 x 60 cm glossy white polished porcelain."

"The grey strip demarcates the cutting area without saying a word, and similarly the mosaic fade with its red grouting highlights the hair-washing station without putting up walls. The mosaic welcomes you as a warm orange colour but changes and fades into blues near the pool. Clients enjoy the view of the pool and mountain, while having their hair washed."

"We wanted the look to celebrate the contradictions and contrasts of authentic vs. contemporary, and cast iron vs. porcelain. The flooring combination really worked, giving a subtle change of colour and size that creates texture and interest, while still feeling like it belongs there."

"All the tiles we used came from Kenzan Tiles, because they offer interesting, new, different and exciting tile options. I always see what Kenzan has before I make a final decision," says Nica.

Kymric Hall Hair Salon was put together as a team effort, between Nica Design Studio, the owner Mark Kent and his acclaimed hair stylist wife Brigitte, who has won a number of local

and international colour and image awards. "We bought this old community hall because it had a sense of soul," says Mark. "We are delighted with the result."

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