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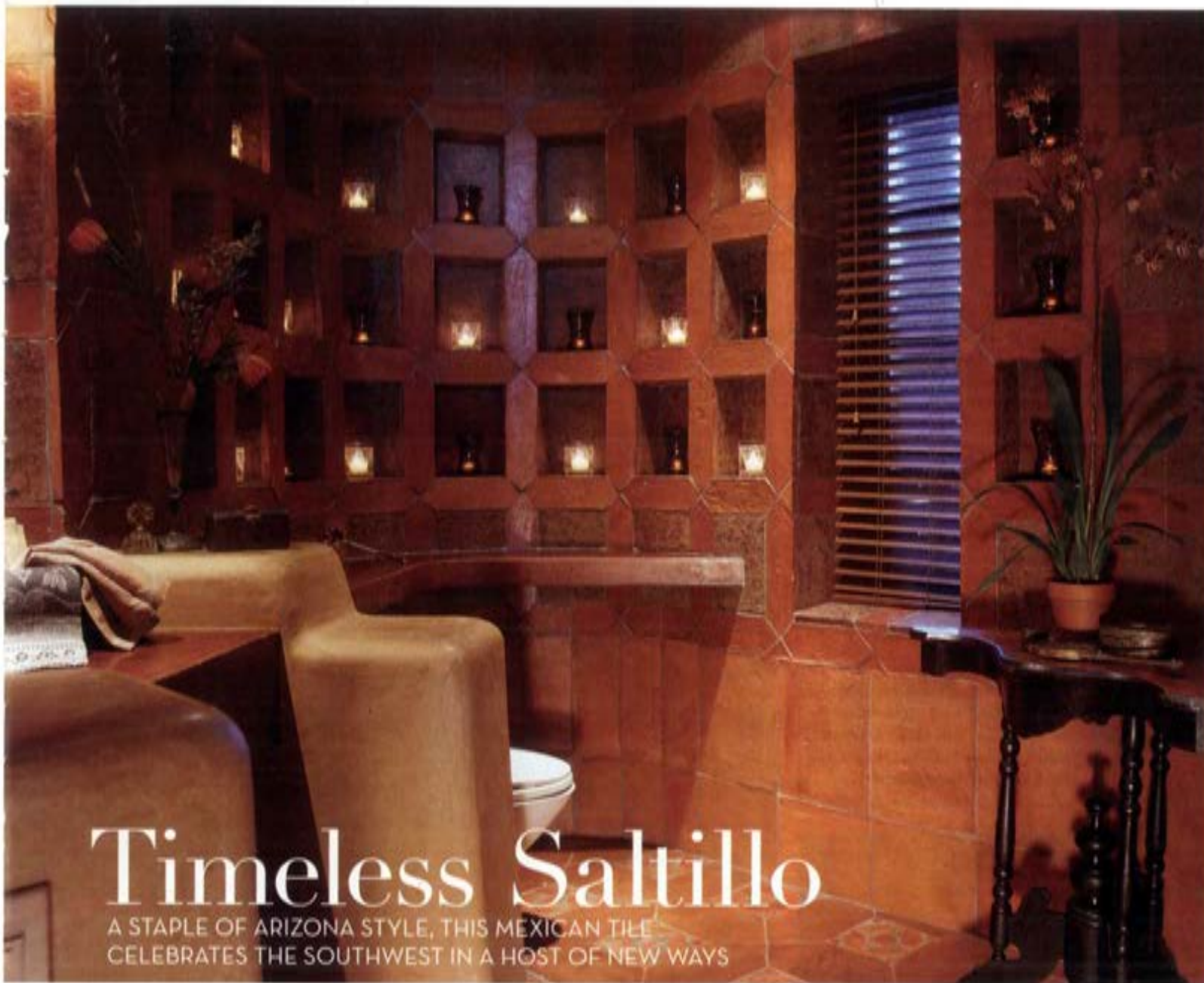
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Timeless Saltillo

A STAPLE OF ARIZONA STYLE, THIS MEXICAN TILE CELEBRATES THE SOUTHWEST IN A HOST OF NEW WAYS

Salttillo comes in a variety of sizes, shapes and finishes, as can be seen in this powder room. Heritage and Moreno Saltillo were used on both the walls and the floor.

A key element in many Arizona homes, Saltillo tile radiates the warm desert palette, is well-suited to the casual, laid-back Southwest lifestyle, and reflects the area's cultural heritage. To find out more about this rustic regional hallmark, how its applications have changed over the years, and what's new, we spoke with three experts: Joe Fortuna, owner of Mexican Tile & Stone Co.; Karen Gosnell, consultant to One World Mexican Tile; and Phil Shelton, owner of Handcrafted Tile Inc.

GETTING STARTED

Shelton has been importing Saltillo from Mexico since the 1960s. He shares information about multiple types of Saltillo and how it has evolved from a flooring material to a design element found in various residential applications throughout the Southwest and beyond.

Types

Classic: This is the original, square-shaped, rustic style that commonly is thought of for flooring.