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GREG NATALE SHOT  
EXCLUSIVELY FOR  
BELLE AT BISAZZA IN  
VIA SENATO



**KNOWN FOR HIS USE** of pattern on pattern and bold geometric interior concepts, Australian interior designer Greg Natale has been slowly branching out into product design. This year in Milan glass mosaic specialist Bisazza launched a Greg Natale collection consisting of four nature-inspired patterns and the Australian was given equal billing with celebrated Brazilian designers Humberto & Fernando Campana. "We have been developing products in Australia for a while now – rugs, furniture and accessories but this collaboration is extremely special," says Natale. Although nature isn't something that springs to mind when thinking about his work, the designer insists this has been steadily creeping into his projects. "Lately we have been combining geometry with organic elements, and designing our own pieces has enabled us to achieve greater depth with our interiors," says Natale. Inspiration for the tile patterns has come from random places: Italian terrazzo floors for 'Fragments'; brain coral from the Great Barrier Reef for 'Groove'. Natale believes that moving into product design is a natural evolution. "I was inspired by the late English designer David Hicks who did this in the 70s," he says. Ultimately Natale dreams of setting up his own store in LA or New York but for now he is content to bask in the glow of his Milan achievements. "With the Bisazza mosaics I was hoping to achieve a wall surface that delivered texture while being appropriate for use anywhere in the home – I'm delighted with the results." [gregnatale.com](http://gregnatale.com); [bisazza.com](http://bisazza.com)



JAMIE DURIE SHOT  
EXCLUSIVELY FOR  
BELLE AT NATUZZI  
ITALIA STAND AT  
SALONE DEL MOBILE



*After designing* nearly 30 pieces for high-end Italian furniture company Riva 1920 over the past five years, it was only a matter of time before Jamie Durie was linked to other important Italian brands. After presenting concepts to Natuzzi Italia at last year's fair, Durie and his team have worked closely with the Bari-based manufacturer to present a selection of new pieces at this year's Salone del Mobile. He is the first Australian designer to work for the company and, because of his landscape design background, an outdoor collection is the next step. His first Natuzzi collection includes 'Gemma', a luxurious upholstered bed in leather or velvet, 'Amber', a sculpted sideboard, and a glass-topped timber-framed table with a contrasting double wishbone metal stretcher below the glass. "We started work on this project a year ago with the Natuzzi family and took them through our ideas. They were very excited by our designs – too many to launch in one year but we've worked with them to select the best and deliver the finished product in time for the fair. It's always good to work with a company with the level of technical expertise to deliver very complex designs. It took some time to resolve the veneering process on the 'Amber' sideboard but we are delighted with it," says Durie. The designer also launched three new products in the 'Bungalow' range for Riva 1920 and a quilted folding day bed for outdoor specialist Unopiu, modelled on a camp bed used by Italian soldiers. [natuzzi.com](http://natuzzi.com), [riva1920.it](http://riva1920.it), [unopiu.com](http://unopiu.com); [fanulli.com.au](http://fanulli.com.au)

Clockwise from top Greg Natale at Bisazza in Via Senato where his tile collections were launched. Jamie Durie. His glass-topped timber table for Natuzzi. 'Bungalow' table and stools for Riva 1920, available from Fanulli. 'Amber' sideboard for Natuzzi. Greg Natale's 'New Malachite' mosaic tile design on display at Bisazza's Milan showroom. 'Groove' and 'New Malachite' samples.

