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**Right:** the Composites Collection by Greg Natale gives a gemstone mosaic look on floors and walls. At Bisazza, 60 Sloane Avenue, SW3 (020 7584 8837)

**Below:** inspired by rocks in Guernsey where she lives, designer Nadia Newton creates "Marbleous" cushions, this one in malachite. Priced £95, 30cm x 50cm (penelopehope.com; 01481 721410)



**Right:** metal oxides in a thick glaze bubble up in the kiln to create a lava-like effect on this stoneware Volcano vase, handmade in Portugal for Habitat. The process is unpredictable so no two are quite the same. Priced £30 (habitat.co.uk)



**Left:** Rockface wallpaper panels are based on scholars' rocks – naturally occurring, unusually shaped stones prized by Chinese artists and writers. Designers Tim Butcher and Lizzie Deshayes set up their firm Fromental in 2005 to work with craftsmen in London and China. Choose from three colourways with prices from £345 a square metre. See samples at the Fromental showroom in Design Centre Chelsea Harbour, SW10 (020 3410 2000; fromental.co.uk)

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## Designer geology

Rocks of ages offer inspiration this season as interiors celebrate the earth's treasures, discovers **Barbara Chandler**



**Left:** marble-style wallpaper by Dutch designer Piet Hein Eek comes in white or black, £175 a 10-metre roll (rockettstgeorge.co.uk; 01444 253391)

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**Above:** British-made quatrefoil knobs, hand-cast in resin and polished, are gem inspired – think peridot (green), rose quartz (pink), citrine (yellow), amethyst (purple) and aquamarine (pale blue). Priced £275 from specialists Haute Deco, 556 King's Road, SW6 (hautedeco.com; 020 7736 7171)

**Above:** Serena lampshade, £175, from a new hand-marbled paper range by Jemma Lewis. Ceramic base, £650, by Henry Thornhill at Tingewick Pottery. From David Linley (60 Pimlico Road, SW1; 4 Burlington Arcade, W1; davidlinley.com)

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