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**A MODERN TAKE ON CLASSIC DESIGN  
DONATELLA BIANCA AND DONATELLA GRIS FROM ANN SACKS®**

**PORTLAND, Ore.** (September 22, 2014) – The dramatic beauty of geometric checkerboard design is redefined by ANN SACKS with its introduction of Donatella Bianca and Donatella Gris. Soft color and timeworn appeal, the new stone tiles from Portugal create a visual interplay of subtle sophistication.

The checkerboard motif has been incorporated into interiors for thousands of years, gracing everything from floors and walls to pottery and art. ANN SACKS creates a modern interpretation of this iconic reference by pairing Donatella Bianca, a composition of shades of white with the deeper gray, with Donatella Gris, with deep gray, shade variations resulting in depth of color and complex textural relief.

The 14x14 squares have a honed finish and slight distressing around the edges evoking a timeless, acquired air. The tiles were designed to complement each other, but the squares can be purchased individually, and are appropriate for numerous applications, including floors, walls, shower walls, fireplace surrounds and backsplashes. As with all stone surfaces, the tiles need to be sealed to keep the stone coloration true, and are suggested for indoor use only.



*Donatella Bianca*



*Donatella Gris*

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For additional information regarding Donatella Bianca or Donatella Gris, or other ANN SACKS products, consumers can call toll-free 1-800-278-TILE or visit the ANN SACKS website at [www.annsacks.com](http://www.annsacks.com).

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