



Location
Charlottesville, VA

Project Type
Health & Wellness

Areas Supplied
Patient & Public
Restrooms

Products | 50,000 SF
Lava

Design Firm
Perkins & Will

Tile Installer
McDaniels Contractor
Services, LLC-Earlysville,
VA

With the number of patients visiting the emergency department at UVA steadily increasing, UVA decided to undertake a significant expansion to increase the capabilities of the Level I trauma center and expand inpatient care at the University Hospital campus. The project began in 2015 and is anticipated to be completed in 2021.

Creative Materials was excited to be brought in during the design phase of this significant hospital expansion. Perkins + Will's design called for a modern looking tile with subtle movement for the patient and public restrooms. A compatible cove base would also be critical due to the healthcare environment, and the design team was looking for a coordinating mosaic. A budget-friendly solution was a must.

CHALLENGE

Lava, a tile collection inspired by the natural beauty of volcanic stone, was proposed to the Perkins + Will design team as it would meet all of the desired criteria including budget price. The design team was drawn to the tile's movement and simple, modern look. However, since the 12"x24" tiles were being installed horizontally, Perkins + Will did not want the vertical graining pattern that was mixed in on some of the faces of the tile.

SOLUTION

By leveraging a strong relationship with the domestic manufacturer that produces Lava, Creative Materials determined that custom production of the tile would be a viable option and that the pricing could be upheld. A custom run eliminated those undesirable faces and made Lava a perfect fit for the designers. Oversight of the master control samples and final production was managed by Creative Materials' Quality Assurance & Technical (QA&T) team.

RESULT

The custom Lava tile was delivered in the Summer of 2018 and the Perkins + Will design team and UVA were both happy with the price point and the look. We hope patients and staff will enjoy the look of this tile for many years to come.

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**- Craig Lansley,
Vice President, Supply Chain,
Creative Materials Corporation**