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TAKE THE FLOOR

Ben Pentreath's new collaboration with Alternative Flooring is a good reminder that it can be just as bold to make a statement with your carpets as your walls. The collection is based on marble and stone flooring patterns by eccentric architect Batty Langley (who was so obsessed by the Greeks that he gave his children names such as Archimedes). To honour the era from which they derive, each three-dimensional design is named after an 18th-century architect. Pictured is 'Trellis' in 'Leoni', £98.73 per sq m. * 01264 335111; alternativeflooring.com

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