



**BESPOKE BEAUTY** The custom design and manufacturing services offered by Lapidica, 01423 400200, lapidica.com, allow customers to commission one-off designs for their floors. This pattern with its gently honed finish was inspired by Roman geometric floors of the 2nd century, and features a combination of English Cumbrian slate and Italian Calacatta marble.



**FLAG IT UP** Tumbled flagstones feature softened edges and a slightly uneven surface, which help bring a lived-in, timeworn appearance to a room. They are a forgiving choice for a busy space such as a kitchen. Here, their rustic texture brings character to a simple, pared-back scheme.



**GALLIC CHARM** If treated properly, a good stone floor will prove a sound investment, lasting for generations. The original floor in this French chateau is a perfect example. Its classic geometric design, which creates a 3D effect, suits a grand space such as this, where it contrasts well with the simple stone staircase.



**BALANCING ACT** The attraction of stone is not just its practicality and durability, but also its extreme versatility. As these classic flagstones of varied sizes show, it's a good choice for formal spaces such as living rooms. The subtly rustic appearance of this stone beautifully balances the sophistication of the elegant floor-length curtains and tailored scheme used in the room. The result is a space that feels both welcoming and smart.