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BENEATH THE GROUND British bespoke rug designer **Luke Irwin**—whose fans include Kate Middleton, the Obamas and rockers such as The Rolling Stones and U2—has a new collection that just landed stateside in Houston’s Williams-Sonoma Home stores. After unearthing an archaeologically significant Roman mosaic—likely buried for 1,400 years or more—beneath the grounds of his own Wiltshire farmhouse in 2016, Irwin was inspired to create his appropriately named Mosaic collection. A first-of-its-kind textile design, its time-ravaged appearance—thanks to a special oxidization process—complements Irwin’s signature handknotted style. Irwin’s Williams-Sonoma collab draws partly from his beloved Ikat line and partly from his latest Mosaic pieces. “The link to the collection is my perpetual desire to be immersed in history,” Irwin says. “It’s the sense of wonder. It’s how time just drifts on; it is a powerful portal into our past.” Available in 6 feet by 9 feet, 8 feet by 10 feet and 9 feet by 12 feet, \$1,995-\$5,995. Williams-Sonoma Home, Highland Village –Holly Crawford

As excavations continue on Irwin’s property, Historic England archaeologists piece together remnants of a sprawling villa that once was—in 600 A.D.

