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Recently there has been substantial interest in constructing wavelets on nested sequences of nonuniform partitions. A sequence of partitions obtained by uniformly subdividing an arbitrary initial coarse partition is said to be *semi-regular*. We develop a construction of orthogonal “wavelet macroelements” that may be pieced together to construct continuous, orthogonal, wavelet bases on semi-regular sequences of triangulations. The bases at level  $j$  consist of local functions whose support is at most the star of a vertex in the  $j$ -th triangulation. (Received September 30, 2002)