

INSPIRATION

GOOD GROUT

Introducing boldness and character doesn't have to come from out-there materials or vibrant colours and patterns – swapping small design elements for something exciting can have a big impact. In this space, neutral ceramic tiles are enlivened by red grouting, adding a twist to the solid stretches of high-gloss finish.

Tiles 'Materia' in 'Mastice', £36 per square metre, [Ceramica Vogue \(ceramicavogue.com\)](http://ceramicavogue.com)

Grout Try 'Kerapoxy' epoxy grout in 'Cherry Red' by Mapei, £26.34 for 3kg, Pure Adhesion (pureadhesion.co.uk)

Light 'Pendant 02', from £725, Magic Circus Éditions (magic-circus.fr) ►



GRAND CIRCLE

Round mirrors have taken hold in the bathroom, and there's no finer example than in this dual washing space at The Library hotel in Koh Samui, Thailand. Designed by Kasemtham Sornsong and over two metres in diameter, the colossal piece adds repose to the opulent expanse of Statuario marble, large enough to be used by two simultaneously.

Marble White Statuario marble, stocked by Imperial Marble & Granite Importers (imperial-marble.co.uk)

Mirror Custom-made by local Thai artisans. For similar, try London's Cricklewood Glass (cricklewoodglass.co.uk) ►



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GEO BLUES

Why stop tiling when you've covered the splash-zone? Interior designer Jacques Erasmus extended this glossy cobalt pattern to surround the door frame and upper expanses of wall, creating an all-encompassing surface that's fully committed to its waterproof function, as well as an adventurous look.

Tiles For similar, try 'San Diego' in 'Ink', £400 per square metre, Fired Earth (firedearth.com) **Shower** 'Traditional' rose, fixed riser and mixer in satin brass, £1,422, Perrin & Rowe (perrinandrowe.co.uk)



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DESERT OASIS

Designing in greyscale doesn't need to be dull. In this small bathroom by Consuelo Pierrepont of American practice Sway Studio, the photographic Toile de Jouy-style wallpaper creates points of interest across the wall, the interruption of the chunky, solid concrete basin lending the space a contemporary edge (sway-studio.com).



Wallpaper 'Pampa', £166 per linear metre, Pierre Frey (pierrefrey.com)

Basin Custom design by Consuelo Pierrepont. For a similar concrete basin, try Kast Concrete Basins (kastconcretebasins.com)

Tap 'Purist' wall-mounted tap, from £1,260, Kohler (kohler.co.uk)

Mirror 'Hang 1' round mirror, from £245, Blu Dot (bludot.com) ►

LAVIE *EN ROSE*

Interior designer Beata Heuman utilised every inch when creating this bathroom under the stairs in her home, its delicate palette and rich materials a stark contrast to the area's original function as a Victorian coal store. 'The colour scheme was inspired by a space I saw in Forte dei Marmi, Tuscany, which had a large Carrara marble sink sitting against soft pink walls,' she tells us. 'The pleated curtain serves a useful storage function, as the expanse goes back almost a metre' (beataheuman.com).



Lights Adjustable brass and bone china shell wall light, £384, Felix Lighting Specialists (felixlightingspecialists.co.uk)
Curtain 'Marbleized' velvet, £125 per metre, Beata Heuman (beataheuman.com)

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A FINE BURGUNDY

Creating a scheme from a single object can produce unexpected results. Australian design studio Decus Interiors extended the dark red directly from the Calacatta Viola marble, balancing the stone's white tones with the rest of the space (decus.com.au).

Mirror Custom designed by Decus Interiors. Try the Industrial metal wall mirror, £199, Nordic House (nordichouse.co.uk)
Vanity Bespoke fluting by Decus Interiors. For a similar colour, try 'Grenache' architects matt emulsion, £55 for 2.5 litres, Paint & Paper Library (paintandpaperlibrary.com)
Marble Calacatta Viola from Artedomus (artedomus.com) ►

GLAM ROCK

Wall-to-wall marble exudes pure luxury for a reason – the price tag. Italian brand Florim's large-format porcelain tiles reproduce the veins and natural colours of stones in a more affordable but deeply impactful way. Each collection is meticulously developed in line with nature, the deep green walls here mimicking the nuances of the exotic Amazonite marble from Brazil.

Walls 'Étoile de Rex' marble-effect porcelain stoneware in 'Illusion', from £88 per square metre, Florim (florim.com)

Washbasin and flooring 'Esprit de Rex' cement-effect porcelain stoneware in 'Neutral Gris', from £66 per square metre, Florim (florim.com) ►



RAINBOW ROOM

With inventive plumbing, any space can become a bathroom. Arianna Lelli Mami and Chiara di Pinto of Milanese firm Studioepe transformed this space with a burst of colour, protective flooring, seating and storage to form a multipurpose area (studioepe.info).

Bath 'Morphing' bathtub with 'Pan' taps by Ludovica + Roberto Palomba, from £5,385, Zucchetti. Kos (zucchettikos.it)

Chair 'Zig Zag' by Gerrit Rietveld, £1,440, Cassina (cassina.com)

Table 'Maru' by Doshi Levien, from £1,090, B&B Italia (bebitalia.com)

Wall 'Cherry Bomb' wallcovering by Gio Pagani for Wall & Decò, 171 per square metre, West One (westonebathrooms.com)

Light 'Laurent 05', £1,343, Lambert & Fils (lambertetfils.com)



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GOLD STANDARD

Italian duo Andrea Marcante and Adelaide Testa's careful mix of textures creates a delicate, unique washing zone. Keep colour to a minimum to highlight the varying surfaces and combine woods, metals and ceramics to emphasise the tactility (marcante-testa.it).

Wall 'Pico' tiles by Ronan & Erwan Bouroullec for Mutina, £176 per square metre, Domus (domusgroup.com)

Vanity Bespoke piece by Marcante-Testa (marcante-testa.it). Try Julian Chichester (julianchichester.com)

Basin 'BetteBow!' by Bette, discontinued. Try 'BetteCraft', from £918, (bette.de)

Mirror 'Randaccio' by Gio Ponti, from £592, Gubi (gubi.com)

Light 'Alouette' wall lamp by Atelier Areti, £346, Nest (nest.co.uk) ►





INDUSTRIAL EDGE

Embrace the rundown and rustic, and turn unloved spaces into washrooms without the need for refined walls and slick surfaces. Johannesburg architecture practice Silvio Rech + Lesley Carstens's rugged concrete wall dramatically juxtaposes the perfect, smooth surfaces within it, both textures exaggerating the other (silviorechlesleycarstens.co.za).

Mirror Custom-made by Silvio Rech + Lesley Carstens. For similar, try the 'Orta Drop' mirror, £699, Heal's (heals.com)

Basin Bespoke piece designed by Silvio Rech + Lesley Carstens, made by Boutique Baths (boutiquebaths.com)

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UNDER COVER

Simply cladding a wall can make the world of difference, be it wood, stone, tiles or composite. Australian design studio Biasol wrapped the bathroom of The Budapest Cafe in Chengdu, China, in colourful terrazzo, echoing the curved alcove with the basin and accessories (biasol.com.au).



Walls 'EM-35-09' terrazzo by Signorino (signorino.com.au). Try London Terrazzo for similar (london-terrazzo.co.uk)

Mirror Try the 'Angui' mirror by AYTM, £135, Nordic Nest (nordicnest.com) ►

TROPICAL TASTE

Who says bathrooms belong indoors? Create a private oasis by flanking a freestanding tub with fronds and foliage, and immerse yourself in nature as well as water. For a modern look, match a statement, minimal bath with plants of all varieties – as shown in this tranquil bathing area designed by Jacqueline de la Vega for Villa A-Mar in Bali.



Bath For a custom-made bath in Corian, Hi-Macs or Krion, try Solidity (solidity.co.uk)

PICTURE: MIMI KIM/BIODARA SKINCARE



CEMENTED

Encaustic tiles make a simple yet powerful backdrop to a bathroom, their handmade finish and intricate decorative patterns bringing a sense of craft and warmth to a room often filled with slick materials.

Tiles ‘Beige Gammon’ encaustic cement tiles, £129 per square metre, Otto Tiles & Design (ottotiles.co.uk)
Light Try ‘Brass Cluster Chandelier’ by Schwung Home, £2,299, Holloways of Ludlow (hollowaysofludlow.com)
Basin For similar, try ‘Avillas 54’, £415, Crosswater (crosswater.co.uk)
Mirror ‘Walls’ by House Doctor, £95, Nordic Nest (nordicnest.com) ►



WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

Ignite a sense of wonder in your space with creative and conceptual architecture. In this design by Eleni Psyllaki, the bathroom is part functional shower and bathing space, part greenhouse and part skylight, meaning you can forest bathe in the most literal sense (myparadissi.com).

Tiles For similar, try 'Flat Gloss White', £18.48 per square metre, British Ceramic Tile (britishceramictile.com)

Brassware From the 'Odin' collection by Brizo (brizo.com)

Ceiling light 'Delta Light' by Supernova, £593.36, DM Lights (dmlights.co.uk)

TANGERINE DREAM

Matching a single, bright tone throughout the bathroom gives an energising boost at the start of the day. Fledgling Spanish architect and interior design studio Basamenta covered this private home in a zingy apricot hue accented with gleaming brass and playful terrazzo – sure to provoke a morning smile.

Tiles Try 'Norse' ceramic gloss tiles in 'Terra', from £46.40 per square metre, Mandarin Stone (mandarinstone.com)

Lights Try 'Kew' wall light in 'Polished Brass', £366, Porter (porterbathroom.com)

Basin Custom 'Sabadell' terrazzo in 'NCSS 2030-Y70R', from £90 per square metre, Huguet (huguetmallorca.com)

Paint Try 'Shrimp Pink', £50 for 2.5 litres, Little Greene (littlegreene.com) ►

PICTURE: LUÍS DÍAZ





SHADOW *PLAY*

A three-dimensional slatted wall adds depth and is an elegant way to distract from a lack of window. Create atmosphere with the warm glow of low-level lighting, as seen in this space by Nina Maya Interiors (ninamayainteriors.com).

Mirror Custom design by Nina Maya Interiors. Try 'Abel' oval mirror, £305, CB2 (cb2.com)

Basin Designed by Nina Maya Interiors in 'Aspen Grey Silk', Neolith (neolith.com)

Light 'Arch' wall light in 'Opal White', from £363, Douglas & Bec (douglasandbec.com)



WONDER *WALL*

Bali-based architecture studio Word of Mouth harnessed the endless creative opportunities afforded by the terrazzo trend in this joyful villa. The firm used coloured pigments, stones and glass chips to create different textures and tones, with brass inlays producing a sunburst pattern (wordofmouthbali.com).

Walls and bath Try Diespeker & Co for similar terrazzo (diespeker.co.uk) ➤

PICTURE: SHEILA WAN AND TAMI CHRISTENSEN/LIVING INSIDE

SUPERSIZED

Large format tiles create a sense of luxury, the seamless finish lending a bespoke feel while actually being simpler to install. Designed by Barber & Osgerby, these tiles are speckled with ceramic flakes, reinforcing the uniqueness as each is one of a kind (barberosgerby.com).

Tiles 'Primavera' porcelain tiles by Barber & Osgerby for Mutina, from £236 per square metre, Domus (domusgroup.com)

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Lights 'Duo Balls', from £1,700 each, Articolo (articololighting.com)
Wall Studioart can supply something similar (studioart.it)
Vanity Custom design by Decus Interiors. Try Contemporary Stone (contemporarystone.co.uk) ►

GET LEATHERED

Juxtapose hard, heavy stone with a soft material to create a comforting, welcoming feel. In this space by Decus Interiors, a wall of pink leather tiles contrasts with the slabs of honed Cipollino marble that form the basin and vanity (decus.com.au).



FLOOR STORY

Let the tiles do the talking with a pattern that's bold, but also chimes with other tones in the space. The soft coral of these encaustic floor tiles is offset by the room's natural palette, the black accents ensuring the scheme still packs a punch.

Tiles Customised 'Eclipse' cement tiles by India Mahdavi, from £167 per square metre, Bisazza (bisazza.com)

Bath The straw marquetry decoration is bespoke. Simon Orrell Designs creates similar pieces (simonorrelldesigns.com)

Light 'Chanpen' hexagon pendant by Forestier, £263, Made in Design (madeindesign.co.uk) **ED**



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