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## INVITING INTERIORS

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## Colour

Strong colours and bold patterns make a huge impact in a large bathroom and can be a good choice in a smaller room, too. Simply choosing a lively colour to paint the walls (and perhaps ceiling) is the straightforward option, while including blocks of different, toning colours can be hugely rewarding. Consider other areas where colour and pattern can be added – perhaps in the form of towels, rugs or window treatments, or the sanitaryware itself. Many baths, for example, have the option to be coloured during manufacture or painted in the home. Wall and floor tiles are, of course, often dominant features in a bathroom and, says Louisa Morgan, marketing director of Mandarin Stone, the boldest approach is to choose one patterned tile and use it on both floors and walls. “Alternatively, use patterned floor tiles and opt for a plain-coloured wall tile in a complementary shade,” she says. “For a more subtle approach, use patterned tiles just in feature areas such as in the shower or as a splashback.” There are other methods of creating interesting pattern, too, she points out. “Marble, or marble-effect porcelain tiles have their own patterns of veining and shade variation, or you could employ mosaics, chevrons or hexagon shapes, or interesting ways of laying brick-shaped tiles.”

### ADVICE FROM THE EXPERTS

#### On tile designs



“While there is plenty of choice, don’t be tempted to use multiple shades of patterned tiles in one space. Just one or two shades will feel far more timeless and sophisticated.”

Louisa Morgan, marketing director,  
Mandarin Stone



**TOP LEFT** Carnaby Mint Ceramic wall tiles, £55.20 a square metre, Mandarin Stone, complement a bold colour scheme.

**ABOVE** This statement bathroom by interior designer Orla Read, in a four-bedroom London townhouse, features Series S hand-painted tiles by Balineum and Dalby showers in antique brass by Drummonds.

**LEFT** In a soft rose-pink, the Casini bath by BC Designs, £3,850, complements the London Basin Company’s Angelica basin, £849, which features a delicate gold rim.