

Media Outlet: *Living etc*

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Run tiles from floors up-on to walls to create a statement space. For similar tiles, try Azulej by Patricia Urquiola, £168 per sq m at Surface Tiles. Team with a simple white design, such as Fired Earth's Retro Metro tiles in Swiss Cottage, £69.70 per sq m

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Surfaces make or break a bathroom. The current fashion is for graphic ceramics – say, a patchwork of decorative geometrics or a striking hexagonal design. Maximum impact is achieved with a floor-to-wall seamless feature – as seen here – but you could opt for a more localised scheme. 'Feature walls or floors are a good approach combined with a simple tile for the rest of the space,' suggests Jules Archard, sales manager at Surface Tiles.

Consider room proportions before choosing tiles. 'Very decorative designs can be too busy for a small space, whereas they could be an ideal way to add interest and warmth to a large bathroom,' says Fired Earth's brand director Rob Whitaker. Make sure the tiles are suitable – this is particularly important with a wet room (look for sufficient slip-resistance) and it's also advisable checking they're suitable for shower walls, since some tiles – such as encaustics – could be marked by constant splashing.

Remember, what might seem like a big job for you could be a doddle for an expert, so employing a flier for a project such as this may be more cost effective in the long run. Find a specialist tradesman in your area through ratedpeople.com.