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'THERE ARE SO MANY BEAUTIFUL, DECORATIVE TILES THAT CAN ADD STYLE AND LUXURY TO YOUR BATHROOM.' TINA DI LORENZO, DI LORENZO TILES

How to embrace pattern

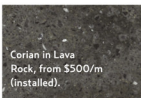
Being bold enough to use pattern in the bathroom can pay big dividends, says Aitken. "It's not for everyone but if you are prepared to take a design risk the results can be beautiful," she says. In the case of this ensuite the owners and architect looked at a number of tile options before embracing the Moroccan Bazaar tiles from Jatana Interiors. If you're partial to pattern, here's how to achieve the best result:

- ❖ Choose a pattern that's unlikely to date, says Aitken. "It's a good idea to opt for a pattern that ties in with the style or period of your house," she says. "If you're using pattern for pattern's sake there's a chance you will get sick of it."
- ❖ Be confident when you're selecting patterned tiles, says Tina Di Lorenzo, marketing manager at Di Lorenzo Tiles.

"There are so many beautiful, decorative tiles that can add style and luxury to your bathroom." If you're cautious about how to proceed, pick one wall instead of using it across the entire bathroom. "A single wall behind the bath or vanity can look striking," she says. Another great option is to use it in the shower enclosure. "Run floor to ceiling, this can lead to spectacular results," says Di Lorenzo.

- ❖ Pattern often works best when it's teamed with textured finishes, says Melbourne bathroom designer Royston Wilson of Royston Wilson Design. "We recently completed an ensuite where a patterned tile was used alongside a bold wallpaper, a statement light and a red shagpile rug. This mix of pattern and texture is adventurous, but it really worked." ➤

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