



The “Wow” Effect of Fine and Unique Tiles

If you would like for your house to be truly beautiful and original, don't overlook the wonderful effect tiles can have on your kitchen's or bathroom's design. Gaye Weatherly of Weatherly Tile & Stone, Inc. emphasizes that, “You don't have to settle for the normal look of standard-sized white tiles.” Weatherly explains that, “There are enough unique choices to suit any budget.”

Weatherly helps her clients move from normal to “Wow!” by thinking outside the 4”x4” box! She notes, for example, that glass tiles, which come in all shapes, sizes, and colors such as a blue palette from powder to cobalt, offer an exciting and beautiful means by which to take tile design to a heightened level. Weatherly even has worked with iridescent glass tiles, which ultimately resemble striking jewels.

If your budget restricts you from using glass tiles for details throughout your bathroom, you can integrate several stand-out features into a canvas of basic field tiles. Aqua beach glass or a ceramic border made from finer tiles, for example, can achieve the “Wow!” factor on any budget.

Today's tile choices enable you to create your own personalized kitchen or bathroom. After all, says Weatherly, “You don't want either to be the same as your neighbor's.” Even popular tile choices can be designed in an extraordinary way. For instance, Weatherly takes subway tiles beyond the horizontal norm. Weatherly's preferred vertical placement of these stylish tiles, which she intersperses with glass tiles, creates a unique, gorgeous shower design.

Weatherly also advises clients not “to be afraid of selecting inconsistent looking tiles.” With their inconsistent patterns, the handmade, 12”x12” Italian porcelain tiles Weatherly used to design a shower evoke a magnificent reclaimed tile look. White marble offers another appealing, inconsistent look for “frameless” showers. The glass doors help to emphasize the bathroom's overall marble attraction, and the frosted, aqua beach glass on the shower floor brings into the room an appropriate amount of color.

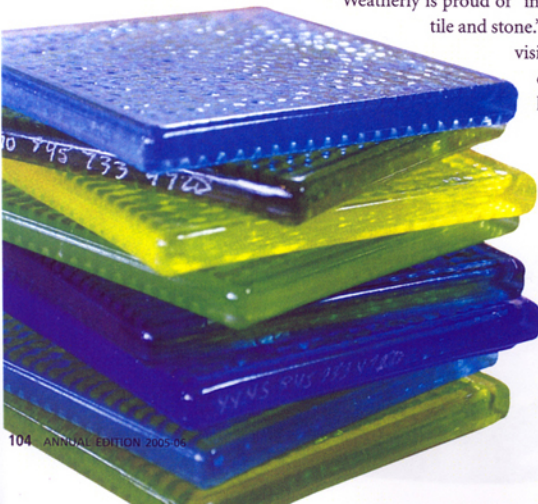
Weatherly is proud of “introducing homeowners to the world of tile and stone.” To this end, she uniquely offers job site visits to ensure the best tile selection and design for the room, whether in a new house or a remodeled house.

As you approach your next design project, remember that today's tile choices are unlimited and accessible.

No longer do you have to follow the white-tiled road. That road can be glass, tumbled stone, ceramic, porcelain, or beach glass. And there's no need to click your heels three times to get there. Gaye Weatherly can help lead the way. ■



BEAUTY IN THE BATH At left: Unique accent tiles (above) and glass tiles in beautiful cool tones (below). Above: Marble-tiled shower with a glass tile floor. Shades of blue in this bath featuring extra large tiles. All tile and design from Weatherly Tile & Stone. Bathroom photographs by Jan Armor Photography.



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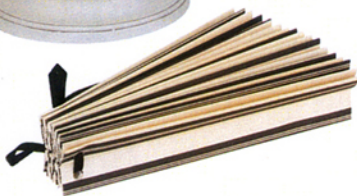
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