



DECORATING

Treat the bathroom like any other room in the house, adding colour and pattern with wallpaper and tiles, and thinking about the furniture and lighting



WALLCOVERINGS Wallpaper is an excellent way to give a bathroom a bit more character and depth. In this bathroom (top left), designer Gavin Houghton has combined a pretty ivy-adorned wallpaper with a wall of white metro tiles. 'I wanted to create a vintage feel,' says Gavin. The wallpaper is now discontinued, but Sanderson's 'Hedera' (£53 for a 10-metre roll) is a close match. The striped curtains soften the space, and wall lights from Hector Finch illuminate the bath. gavinhoughton.co.uk | stylelibrary.com | hectorfinch.com

MIXED MATERIALS This bathroom by design company Maddux Creative (top right) shows just how much fun you can have decorating the space. The bath – a vintage piece from The Water Monopoly – sits beneath an elaborate Fifties Murano glass chandelier, and the shower is concealed by a bespoke screen. The walls surrounding the shower are clad in a striking pink marble. madduxcreative.com thewatermonopoly.com

TILING AND ARTWORK To give a bathroom a decorated feel, add layers to the space with coloured tiles and artwork. Here, Fired Earth's green 'Retro Metro' tiles (£79.20 a square metre) line the walls (bottom). If you're worried about the moisture in bathrooms damaging art, it is worth sticking to inexpensive pieces. If you keep the space well ventilated and open windows when possible, moisture should not cause too much of a problem. A patterned tile has been used for the floor – Fired Earth's 'Boulangerie', £74.70 a square metre – which adds another layer. firedearth.com ▷