

Toolbox News

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Go Tile Nuts!

Exciting mosaics, large scale tile, medium formats (which means size), as well as kind of material, glass, porcelain, ceramic, real stone including carrera, and so much more. It can get overwhelming and confusing really quick. OMG where do I start? This episode of Toolbox News will go over just a few of the details to wet your appetite. Each has it's benefits and drawbacks, let's discuss this!

Get Real-ly Stoned!

The outstanding sensual appeal of real stone can tease anyone. It's earth-like texture, veining and feel ignite something real inside us. With that in mind natural stone can be more expensive to install and an upkeep that just may frustrate you. Did you know that marble specifically carrera is a soft stone and if anything acidic like wine (in the shower-sure!) or urine (we have all peed in the shower:)) These will stain it and be the pain of your new home's existence. If you gotta have it's beauty you must seal it at least once a year.



Porcelain Option

Porcelain tile is a fantastic alternative with low upkeep. The real stone knockoffs are superior. In recent years it has become very hard to tell the difference! Almost no upkeep needed with this selection of tile. There is unlimited ability to coordinate with porcelain and it has every size imaginable. Whats not to love here? Did I say it is also very reasonable to purchase and installers love it as compared to real stone or marble?

Tile Patterns

Hexagon is the hot new shape right now, which I'm crazy about. Subway is still in but has wained a bit. Try a vertical subway layout or consider a stacked vertical layout with your tiles for a different contemporary look. A plain tile in the store or online can really be fantastic when you try different layouts with it. This bathroom to the right could certainly use another wall tile to spruce up the blah walls, even though the hex floor is a hit!



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Is there a Tile Rule?



Yes and yes! This applies to sizes of tile as well as colors. Ideal is to have 3 different patterns, no more, with the majority being a floor tile or about 60%. The wall of your tub/shower could make up 30% and the punch of size and color could make up the final 10%. Small, medium and large varieties. This is a loose rule of thumb. You don't want to be dizzy in your new bathroom with multiple crazy patterns! Keep in mind that patterns take center stage. Each tile with a pattern by themselves can be a turn on but together with other patterns it can be a nightmare. Buy sample pieces and make a mock-up of your selections in the actual bath your renovating...visuals work wonders and will dissipate any hesitations.

Class Act Tiles



Monochromatic or one color of a tile family often is what homeowners love. It is calming and spa like. The blingyness of the faucets and fixtures become a contrasting metal in the mix as well as colorful towels like bright fuscias or minty greens. Adding orchids that love humidity and other green plants to enhance a spa like feel sets this bathroom apart from all others. Definitely a class act and timeless!

Where do I start?

ANSWER: Start that bath reno with your unique vision!

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Dawn's Corner

I love teaching, guiding and sharing all things construction with anyone who will listen! I believe you, with a little bit of guidance and confidence, can blow your own mind with amazing building and remodeling! Whether it is your home or investment the space we own is a reflection of who we are, how we think about ourselves and what is important to us. Happy Renovating!



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