



Flush with texture and pattern, this expansive, light-filled bath honors the Spanish Colonial character of its home while adding rustic and modern elements to the mix. A door leads out to an inviting balcony.

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Colorful tile and seamless outdoor connections bring Mediterranean style to a new San Diego bath.

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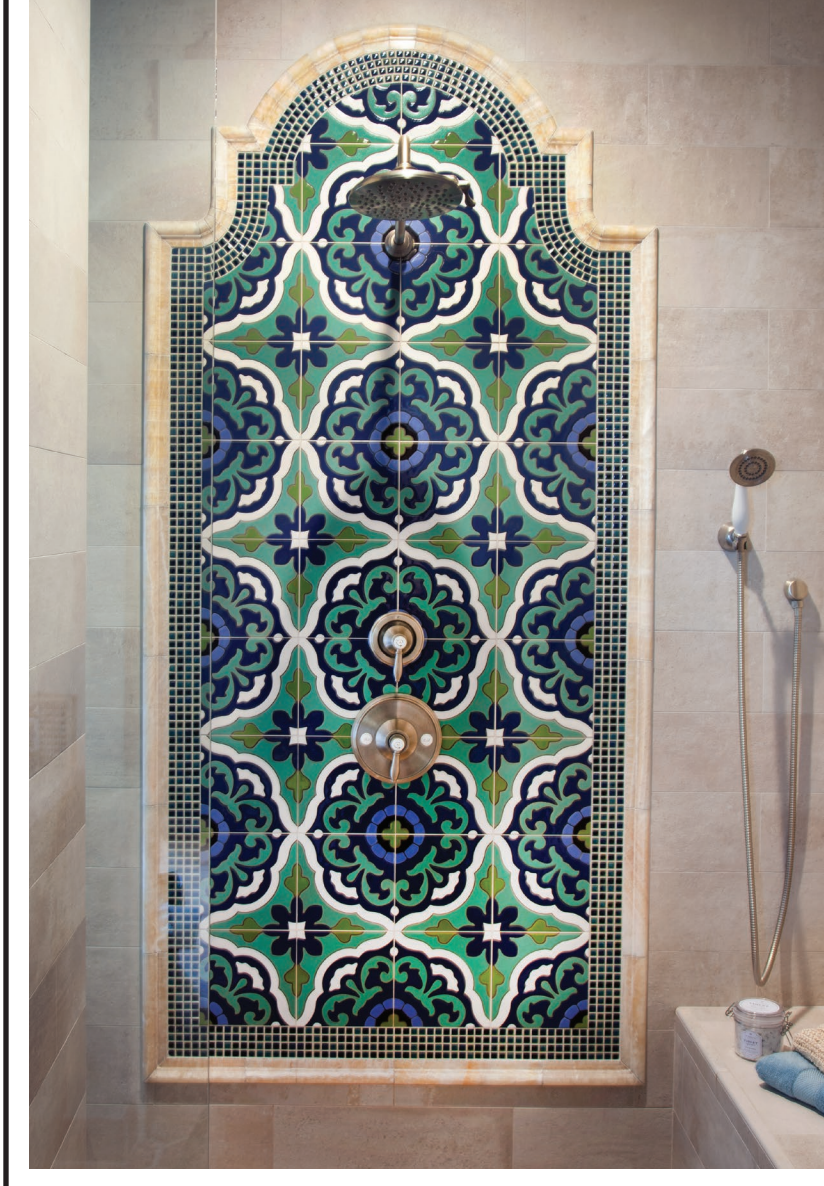


“THERE’S NO SUCH THING AS TOO MUCH TILE,” REGAN MEDEIROS-WIESE SAYS,

referencing the colorful hand-painted designs that play a prominent role in the new master bath retreat she shares with husband Andy Wiese in their 1930s Spanish Colonial home in San Diego. “I love walking into a place in Mexico—where my family had a home for decades—or in Spain or Italy, and the whole floor is colorful tile. Tile speaks to my Portuguese heritage, brings me peace and connection, and just says home.”

Senior interior designer Marisela Contreras of Jackson Design & Remodeling brought Regan and Andy’s vision of a rustic and restful room to life with a bath design that honors their home’s Mediterranean heritage while introducing modern elements for a balanced look. With vibrant tiles setting the mood, it was essential to select strong pieces that could complement the colorful designs without competing with them. A handsome ebony-stained double vanity and a French bateau claw-foot cast-iron tub—positioned to capitalize on the breathtaking ocean views—fill the bill. “There was no tub in the original master,” Contreras says. “They’re a busy family with two young children. A tranquil spot to unwind was essential.”

To beef up storage, Contreras designed a custom countertop-to-ceiling cabinet between the double sinks for everyday grooming items. An arched recessed niche nearby holds extra towels and bathing supplies.



ABOVE The shower’s tile inlay is trimmed with a golden honey onyx molding and outlined with a mini mosaic in greens and blues. **OPPOSITE, TOP LEFT** Reclaimed Douglas fir shelves were cut to fit a tall niche and clear-coated for a rustic feel. A neutral-pattern porcelain tile backdrop builds texture and adds subtle visual interest to this area of the room. **OPPOSITE, TOP RIGHT** A brushed-nickel finish on the vintage-inspired wall-mount tub filler conveys the welcome patina of age. **OPPOSITE BOTTOM** The soaking tub—which weighs a whopping 350 pounds—features a hand-burnished natural iron and lacquered exterior finish, which is as simple to clean and maintain as it is dramatic. The embellished claw feet are finished in polished nickel to match the room’s other fixtures. A pair of casement windows make bathers feel as if they are outside.

“Our bath is so beautiful and so different,” Regan says of the finished retreat. “The space just makes me feel transported. After everything is cleaned up and the kids are in bed, I can come upstairs to my own space and be surrounded by beautiful tile and look out at the view and decompress. It’s an amazing everyday ritual.”

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