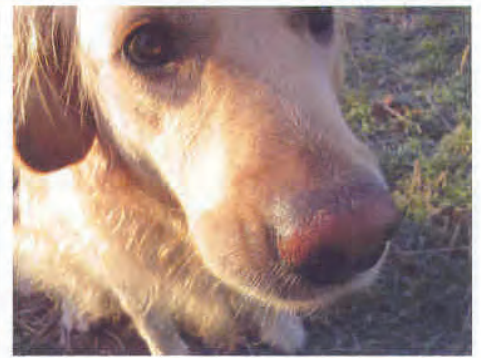




**Le Bain de Bateau:** based on an original 18th century design and cast in iron, this decadent roll-top bath from Fired Earth is in a class of its own.

*Le Bain de Bateau bath; iridescent glass mosaic wall tiles; Eclipse bowls; Eden shower enclosure; silver blue slate floor tiles; Classic chrome & Metro chrome brassware. Fired Earth Interiors Tel: 01392 878252*



Carter, the Design **DOG**tor answers your interior design questions.

Ewa Shephard, Home Design Consultant at Fired Earth Interiors' Darts Farm Showroom, Topsham, helped a bit too.



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### BATHROOMS

#### QUESTION

*Dear Carter, What are the most important points I should consider for the design of my bathroom - I'm not sure where to start!*

#### ANSWER

Here's a brief checklist:-

- 1** Firstly, consider how many people will be using the bathroom and what constraints will be placed on it in terms of size.
- 2** Do you want traditional or contemporary fixtures, or an eclectic mix of the two? If you choose cast iron fittings (such as a roll top bath) or a solid marble shower tray, you may need to have your floor joists reinforced.
- 3** If space allows, consider placing the bath centrally for maximum visual impact.
- 4** Do not buy ceramicware from different manufacturers as there may be colour or tonal variations, unless they are to be placed a distance from each other.
- 5** When installing a new bathroom, take the opportunity to update your plumbing so that everything works beautifully.
- 6** Remember, when working out your budget, to allow for the all important extras such as flooring, wall tiles and lighting. Think about all the items - big and small - which need to be stored in the bathroom: where will they go?
- 7** Ventilation is key to any good bathroom, especially in a room which has no windows - modern extraction systems can do this efficiently and quietly.
- 8** Wet rooms are ideal if you want a cutting edge bathroom, but make sure you get in the experts from Fired Earth to advise you as correct plumbing and waterproofing are essential.

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*Right: Retro Metro wall tiles; silver blue slate floor tiles; St Moritz bath; Metro chrome exposed shower & bath mixer taps; flow heated towel rail. Fired Earth Interiors Tel: 01392 878252*

*Below: Sicilian Mosaic Limestone, a ceramic tile that looks and feels like the stone that it imitates, right down to the texture. Sicilian Mosaics are well suited to use in kitchens and bathrooms as they are relatively low maintenance. Fired Earth Interiors Tel: 01392 878252*

