

# Talking Tiles

Whether you're heading for a total revamp or a mini makeover Eva Shephard, Bathrooms Manager and design adviser at Fired Earth's Darts Farm inspirational store looks into five key options for tiling your bathroom to create the ultimate haven for relaxation...

## Option One

Start by considering the size of the room. A small room can be opened up by using neutral colours and pale shades, this will also help to create that serene, quiet sanctuary you might be seeking. Make a larger bathroom cosy by using stronger, darker colours, perfect for a warm soak on a wintry evening.

## Option Two

If you're not looking to re-tile a whole room, a border of mosaic tiles can add a splash of colour and liven up a plain wall. Rectangular mosaic tiles are currently some of the most fashionable and the ranges available vary from sheets of simple one-colour gems to glistening iridescent combinations. Be careful if you have a small bathroom – too much mosaic work and all you may end up seeing is grouting.

## Option Three

Mixing the scale of tiles - especially if they are from the same design family - is an inspired way of adding depth and perspective, for example Sardinia and Sicilian Mosaic tiles look beautifully serene, imitating their stone forebears, yet are easy to clean as they are ceramic.

## Option Four

Recreating a period style needn't be an expensive process – one or two décor tiles amongst a series of base tiles can give the impression you're looking for. Consider replacing fittings, a pair of shining Victorian style taps can quickly draw the eye and help to achieve your look.

## Option Five

Traditional black and white check floor tiles can immediately take a room into a period style, whilst Roman mosaics can bring the ultimate luxury of the Roman baths straight into your home. For a more modern look innovative tiles, such as Minerali textured glass are stunning. Consider using the same tiles on the wall for a smooth stylish finish. If ultimately you feel about as inspired as your current crumbly bath sponge, call in the experts! Fired Earth's home design consultants, based in-store can provide you with designs and schemes for your new room. True design is available to us all - even if all you want is a background foil to your current bathing beauty.



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