

Jewel-Box Bathrooms

Lavish stone and tile work
bring luxury home

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Anna Marie Fanelli is a self-described “tile fashionista.” Co-owner of Tenafly’s Floor and Décor, she is so enthusiastic about her craft that even a trip to the local Lowe’s has her proclaiming the marvels of tile and stone to anyone within earshot. On a recent run to the mammoth home improvement store, she helped a complete stranger design an entire bathroom while standing in the tile aisle. “Even on a budget, you can achieve good design,” she raves.

Most of her projects, though, are decidedly more upscale. For this 20,000-sq.-ft. Demarest home, Fanelli paired her passion for stone and tile with her up-to-the-minute intelligence on current design trends. The result? A collection of breathtaking bathrooms that feel both classic and contemporary.

TILE AND STONE DESIGN: ANNA MARIE FANELLI,
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INTERIOR DESIGN: FAITH HOCHMAN, FH HOME DESIGN, INC., MAHWAH



MASTER BATH

The home’s indulgent master bath is a spa-like showplace combining Calcutta gold marble with honey onyx in a variety of textures and sizes. Against a monochromatic backdrop, Fanelli created visual interest through her playful use of pattern, evidenced on the floor, which features 18x18 Calcutta gold-brushed marble tiles accented by honey onyx mosaics, and a vanity front featuring a custom honey-onyx herringbone mosaic inlay. The room’s focal point is a deep soaking tub that appears to have been dropped into a slab of Calcutta gold marble. A picture window running the length of the tub infuses the space with light. To the left of the room’s broad two-tiered vanity, an oversized shower with a gently curved Calcutta gold bench features an artistic and original mix of marble and onyx in myriad textures and sizes. “It is tile couture at its best,” says Fanelli, noting the intricate detailing that imparts a three-dimensional effect. Built-in woodwork and mirrors designed by Hochman finish off the custom space. >







GIRL'S BATH

This colorful girl's bath captures the essence of environmentally friendly design. Its flooring, called jelly-bean glass, is crafted of 100-percent recycled glass bottles, creating a pebbly effect. "We were trying to achieve a bright space with lots of visual interest," says Fanelli. To that end, she designed a jagged custom-glass installation spanning six feet of one wall, complemented by glass mosaics framing the built-in mirror. On the ceiling, Hochman took the theme a step further, adding a Venetian plaster ceiling in a cheerful shade of mango. To further warm the room, she added a vintage soaking tub, clear-crystal shaded sconces set directly into the mirror and a clear vessel sink. The vanity, also built by MDM Woodworking LLC, is topped with durable Glassos, a pure-white crystallized glass with a marble-like appearance.



FORMAL POWDER ROOM

The home's formal powder room is warm and inviting. Fanelli and interior decorator Faith Hochman of FH Home Design Inc. in Mahwah teamed up to create a two-part space that was both functional and luxurious. The powder room features honey onyx and white thassos marble in a basket-weave pattern while the adjacent toilet room features identical, yet larger pieces to unify the two. An antique etched-glass mirror complements a pair of crystal and antique gold sconces. A frosted-glass vessel sink mounted on a custom vanity topped by a polished honey onyx slab, designed by Hochman and crafted by MDM Woodworking LLC in Hawthorne, finishes off the Old World atmosphere.



GIRL'S BATH

In another girl's bath, Fanelli aimed to create "jewelry for the floor." Adopting a classic pinwheel pattern, Fanelli used white polished marble tiles accented by rose quartz inserts to create a pretty backdrop for this spacious bath featuring a deep soaking tub and oversized shower. Hochman added a traditional window treatment of pink gathered silk embellished with jade beading. On the two-tiered vanity, rose-honed marble complements the floor and shower, where "the homeowners wanted something glamorous on the wall," says Fanelli. Always happy to oblige, she designed a striking panel of iridescent glass mosaics with a rose quartz center surrounded by mother-of-pearl accent pieces.

In Fanelli's creative hands, stone and tile really do become pieces of jewelry for the home. ➤



MUD POWDER ROOM

A clean, contemporary vibe imbues this dramatic and surprisingly delicate bathroom, which showcases a custom chocolate-brown-and-white glass parquet floor. "This is truly a work of art. It was made by two artisans over a period of four to six weeks," says Fanelli. Rich brown walls and crisp white trim continue the color theme. To further accentuate the modern tone, Hochman chose an octagonal frameless mirror above a custom painted maple vanity topped by a vessel sink and a pair of large-scale contemporary sconces. "Even in a small space, you can use fewer pieces on a larger scale to create impact and drama," she says. ■