

PRINCIPALS

1

*Consider your space and define your focal point.
Put all your effort and money in this area.*

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Let it flow.

Taking tile to the ceiling creates an illusion of height & space.

When using tile on a shower, take it to the ceiling!

Avoid border lines that cut up your space.

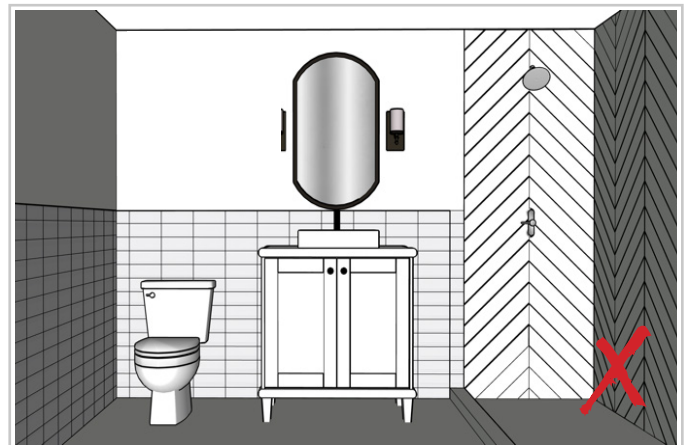
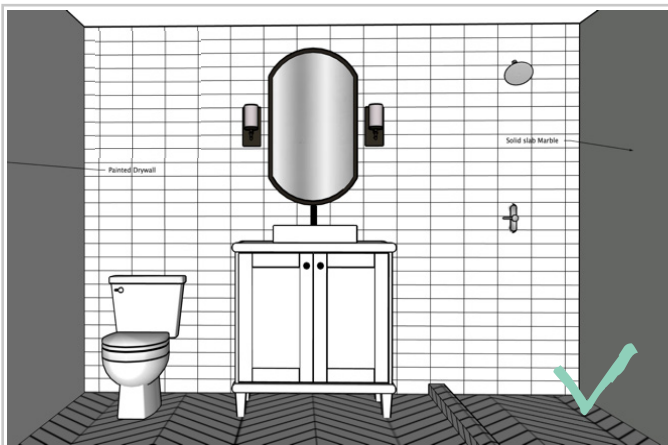
Place soap niches in less noticeable locations, not as a focal point.

When possible tile an entire wall, floor to ceiling, wall to wall.

SPACE THAT FLOWS

VS.

CHOPPED-UP SPACE



3

Tile Selection + Layout

SELECTION:

Look for inspiration to identify your style. This will help you narrow down your choices when shopping.

Select tile you can live with for a long time. I tend to like neutral colors and simple shapes.

I find using 2-3 different tiles is best for a beautiful outcome. Using more than 3 different styles is busy and overwhelming in a small space.

Example #1 shows subway tile on the entire back wall, chevron on the floor and the use of a 3rd material as solid slabs on the remaining shower walls. This creates a wow first impression and does not overwhelm the small space.

LAYOUT:

Start your first piece of tile in the middle of your space and work out to the left and right.

GROUT:

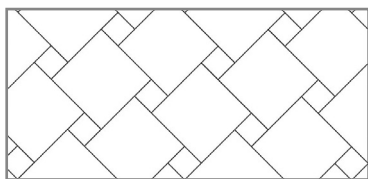
Grout that blends with your tile will keep the focus on the tile itself while contrasting grout can add to the design as well as help with existing elements like countertops and flooring you won't be changing.

Thin lines of grout are less noticeable. Thicker lines of grout can be effective if using a contrast color of grout.

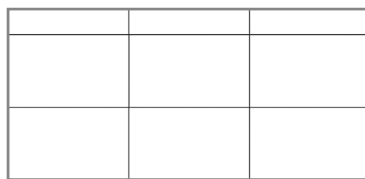
Remember, larger tiles, fewer grout lines. Smaller tiles, more grout lines.

On a shower floor, tile needs to be cut in small pieces. Example: 2" X 2" or even smaller mosaic cuts. This allows for more grout lines, eliminating a slipping hazard in a shower.

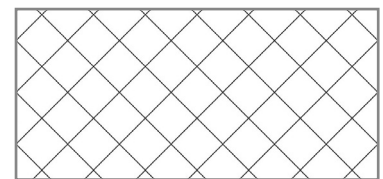
Select a tile layout that appeals to you...



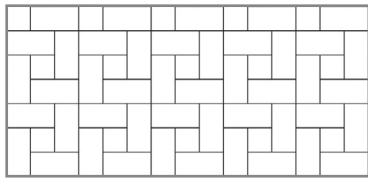
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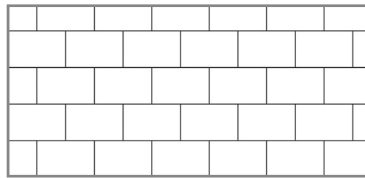
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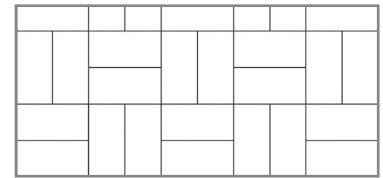
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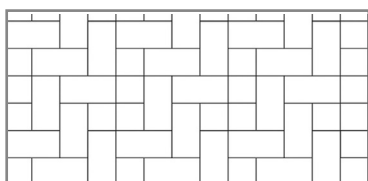
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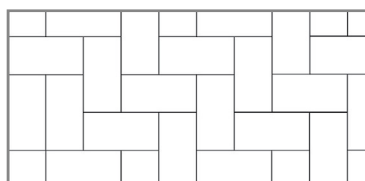
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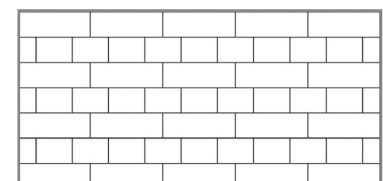
BASKET WEAVE



COBBLESTONE



HERRINGBONE



ENGLISH BOND