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2023's Best Bathroom Design Trends, According to Interior Designers

Ready to spruce up your outdated space? Here, pros share the year's most refreshing bathroom ideas—from rugged tiles to more-flattering lights.

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YES, A BATHROOM in soothing neutral tones can offer the only refuge of the day for harried parents and burnt-out professionals. But insipid décor isn't the only route to a placid space.

“A singular, bold color choice throughout a bathroom can create a calming effect similar to traditional grays and beiges,” said Margaret Naeve, principal of design firm M. Naeve, in Houston, who recently made over a bathroom with emerald zellige tiles on the walls and ceiling.

Many of the pros we canvassed for bathroom-design trends echoed this rejection of safe neutrals. Here, we drill down into five other commonly cited styles, plus the dated themes designers are avoiding.



An arched opening makes a shower feel like a destination, says Eddie Maestri, of Maestri Studio, in Dallas, the architect behind this nook. PHOTO: JENIFER MCNEIL BAKER

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Eddie Maestri, principal architect of Maestri Studio in Dallas, says his firm bows the ceiling of bathing spaces “to make them feel like a destination rather than just part of the larger bathroom.” In the past, he said, clients who prefer a traditional look have asked for these arches, but the firm has started to pull them into more modern projects “to add some softness against the hard lines.”