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HISTORIC PREFERENCE: Amir J. Ilin of Küche+Cucina designed this new master bath for Paramus clients who requested a spa-like room with hints of ancient Rome. Critical to the décor is the Roman-style mosaic in the shower, which was inspired by a painting that Ilin found. The mural, stone, glazed cabinetry, and columns (in shower and on mirror) add to the atmosphere of antiquity in the bathroom, which is roughly 11 by 17 feet. Amenities include a heated floor and steam shower. **Sources:** design and custom cabinetry, Küche+Cucina in Paramus; mosaic, cross-cut travertine, antiqued limestone, and floor tiles, En'Stone in Paramus; mural, Joseph Brown Fine Art in Carlstadt; faucets, Rohl; shower, Mr. Steam of Long Island City, New York; column in shower, European Stone Art in Hackensack.

Currents

The following trends were noted by bathroom designer Shawn Flower with Mitchell's Decorative Hardware in Somers Point, tile designer Anna Marie Fanelli of Floor & Décor in Tenafly, and designer Stephanie Wendt of Porcelanosa, which has locations in East Brunswick, Paramus, and Saddle Brook.

WHAT'S HOT ...

- Texture resulting from mixed shapes and finishes: glossy, matte, metallic, distressed, etc.
- Handicap-accessible products: hands-free and lever faucets as well as taller toilets
- Biscuit-color fixtures
- Contemporary looks such as shiny metals, glass tiles, and streamlined faucets
- Natural stone
- Big tiles (up to 28 by 14 inches for walls and 18-inch squares on floors)
- Tile showers with special sprayers, rain heads, and/or steam
- Thermostatic shower mixers that keep water temperature constant and boost flow
- Soaking tubs and whirlpools encased in stone and/or cabinetry
- Vessel- or basin-style sinks that sit atop counters
- Heated floors

WHAT'S NOT ...

- No-frills tubs and showers
- Smooth white ceramic tile
- Man-made countertops
- Colored (non-neutral) fixtures and tiles