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# TIMELESS TILE

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TILE. THE CHOICES ARE ENDLESS AND IT'S EASY TO FEEL OVERWHELMED.

I get it. But taking the time to find or create something special will give you years of happiness. Don't rush the process. It's all in the details.

Take this bathroom, for example. While a white subway tile is not necessarily unique, we used a handmade version with slightly irregular edges. I chose a black pencil tile to create a horizontal detail break and black grout to make the tile really stand out. In the shower, which is full of white penny tile, we added a black penny tile heart for an element of fun, creating a little whimsy in the otherwise sophisticated space. To ground all the white and black, a warm wood-toned cabinet was added, as well as black





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quartzite counters. Mixing brass details and black-and-white color with the wood gives this space a timeless feel.

The two bathrooms in this home have one thing in common: gorgeous counter-to-ceiling tile. Both rooms include a dramatic pattern in simple palettes; one gray and white and the other black and white.

In this new build, we took a very simple cabinet configuration and added a big wow factor with tile. Extending the tile from the

counter up to the ceiling is a design element I use often; if this “backsplash” is skipped, it doesn’t have the same effect.

Lighting and mirrors are equally important to the overall design—but make sure you work closely with the installer to align them correctly, as you are mounting directly into tile and only have one chance to get it right.

I’m so thankful to have clients who love tile so much, and for awesome vendors like Palmetto Tile, who supplied it all. ♦