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## 5 bathroom trends

Local designers share what clients are asking for these days – from freestanding tubs to bigger showers and wall-mounted everything.

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### STONE TILE MOSAICS

Yes, we're still in the midst of the glass-tile explosion, but there's something even fresher afoot: stone tiles that form interesting, imperfectly perfect mosaics, says **Kelly Taylor of Providence-based Kelly Taylor Interior Design**. "It's the current, more sophisticated take on this," says Taylor. "The looseness of the pattern and the randomness of the color is more natural and warmer feeling. It's simple and soothing. I think it gives the spa feeling that people are looking for." She adds that the stone makes a bathroom feel somewhat closer to a natural environment – "and if you use it in the shower, I think it's evocative of a waterfall in Vermont." A stone-tile mosaic can play well against warm-colored woods, such as bamboo, but it can feel equally at home in a cool, sleek bathroom.