

# Wallcovering Improves Bath Decor

All the comforts of home seem to be improving.

According to a survey by the U.S. Census Bureau, the nation's homes and apartments had more amenities in 1983 than they had 10 years earlier. For example, the proportion of year-round homes with at least two baths rose to one in four in 1983, from less than one in five in 1973.

But all the comforts of home may leave something to be desired when it comes to interior decor in an extra bath. As they are in so many other rooms, wallcoverings are an excellent solution to lackluster decor in a bath. And they offer a facelift that will last for many years, says the Wallcovering Information Bureau.

Since most baths are small, choose a wallcovering pattern scaled to the size of the room. A small-scale design should suit most baths and it should harmonize with the other color elements in a bath.

When selecting colors, remember that colors can be neutral, warm or cool. A bath with a small window and little natural light, says WIB, might benefit from the warmer shades of yellow, orange or red. These are the colors associated with sunshine and relaxation.

If you're seeking to establish a calm and peaceful ambience, consider the neutral shades such as beige or gray. A more formal atmosphere demands the cool shades of blue and green.



A SOPHISTICATED SHELL DESIGN combines beautifully with a coordinating wallcovering in a daisy floral to give this bath its elegant charm. Both patterns are available in soft pastels with golden or silvered accents.

The latest developments in wallcovering styles, colors, patterns and materials can be seen at local paint and wallpaper stores, home centers or department stores. All are good sources of advice from how to buy

wallcoverings to how to hang them.

To learn more about wallcoverings, write for a free copy of "The Wallcovering How-To Handbook" to WIB, Dept. M-85, 66 Morris Ave., Springfield, NJ 07081.

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