

SHOPPING



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In Betty's principal bathroom, a swath of Japanese-inspired wallpaper provides a dramatic backdrop for a soak. Love the look? Here's her advice on wallpapering a bathroom.

WHEN IS IT UNWISE TO HANG WALLPAPER IN A BATHROOM?

I wouldn't suggest wallpaper to a homeowner unless the space is well ventilated, so it never gets too damp and steamy.

WHAT IF I WANT TO WALLPAPER AROUND A TUB OR SINK?

Look for a wallpaper with a finishing glaze that makes it resistant to moisture and humidity — especially if children are using the space and splashing is more frequent. To be even safer, tile a backsplash and wallpaper above it.

USE WALLPAPER TO CREATE AN ARRESTING ACCENT WALL

WALLPAPER TIPS

IS IT OKAY TO WALLPAPER MY BATHROOM? — L.E., Boston

In a powder room, the answer is, "Yes!" There are no practical concerns, and adding pattern will turn it into a jewel box. If it's a full bathroom with a tub and shower, follow Betty's advice (above) for lasting results.