

## H&G BATHROOM SPECIAL

✦ The textured marmorino finish on the wall is a mix of marble dust and lime. It's a job for a renderer with specialist skills.

✦ An Artemide lamp picks up the bronze tones in this canvas print from Taupeology, based on a 16th-century work by Hans Holbein the Younger.

✦ The custom-made vanity is designed to blend into the wall. "If everything is the calibre of a jewel, then nothing shines!" says Antra.

✦ "The shimmering glass mosaic floor provides the wow factor I was after," says Antra.



## The details

Sicis Neoglass **barrel mosaics** in Satin, \$419/m<sup>2</sup>, Elite Bathware & Tiles.

Custom-made 1400mm vanity in Laminex Fossil, about \$1500, Taupeology. Sussex Scala 316 wall-mounted stainless-steel **spout**, from \$253, and **mixer**, \$632, and Mizu Drift 300 overhead **shower**, \$180, Reece.

Marmarino **render** in custom-mixed colour, about \$300/m<sup>2</sup>, Taupeology.

Melampo Tavolo **table lamp**, \$710, Artemide.

Newbury 1800 **drop-in bath**, \$743, Caroma.

## Moody hues

**A** jewelled sanctuary: that's how Antra Lanskis, Melbourne interior designer for Taupeology, saw her own bathroom. "It serves as a powder room for guests and as a peaceful spot for me to retreat to for a long bath on a winter's afternoon," she says. "Its dual purpose gave me licence to explore some materials you don't usually see in bathrooms."

**The design solution** To create the desired shimmer factor in this bathroom, Antra chose Sicis glass mosaic tiles for the floor. "When I have candles lit they reflect off the floor," she says. "It's quite magical." A mirrored bath surround amplifies the effect. Balancing out the reflective surfaces are walls finished in a textural marmarino render. A striking artwork adds drama to the space. "This is a print on canvas of a 16th-century Milanese duchess. Her murky tones complement the walls beautifully." Antra went to great lengths to ensure this bathroom is well illuminated. "To enhance the iridescence of the floor, I had LED strip lighting put in beneath the vanity. Plus, I have an Artemide Melampo Tavolo table lamp for a gentle glow." Since the shower is used less often, Antra wasn't limited to waterproof fabric and instead used a length of diaphanous voile as her shower curtain. ▶

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### HOW TO...

## Use mosaics

Mosaic tiles can work miracles in bathrooms, says Michele Kordic, owner of Brisbane's Elite Bathware & Tiles. She outlines what you need to know about using them in your home:

- ✦ When you're laying mosaics, it's vital that your substrate is perfect. "There's no forgiveness, as you're putting down a small tile that will show any uneven texture under its surface."
- ✦ Mosaics aren't any harder to maintain than larger tiles. "There are more grout joints but your tiler should use an epoxy grout, which

means that maintaining it won't be an issue."

- ✦ Choose the right tiler. "It's important to use a tiler who has better-than-average skills. Expect them to take longer and charge you more for mosaics."
- ✦ Mosaics are a great choice for a family bathroom. "Having more joints means that mosaics are far less slippery than larger floor tiles. It's also possible to buy mosaics with a matt finish or ones that have been finished with a laser treatment to make them really non-slip."