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**CHARLOTTE MOSS**   
*on the Art of Living*

# BATH OF THE MONTH

Design by NANCY EPSTEIN

*Tenafly, New Jersey*

The Art Deco allure of mirror and marble gets a cool, sleek update.

Interview by  
CHRISTINE PITTEL

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Charleston antiqued mirror adds a touch of mystery to a room wrapped in Calacatta Gold marble and accented with inserts of Arpell Bianco mosaic tile, all by Artistic Tile. Medicine cabinets by Robern. Sconces by Visual Comfort. Marcelle faucet by Waterdecor. Restoration Hardware towels. >>

## BATH OF THE MONTH



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**CHRISTINE PITTEL:**  
*There's something about smoky mirror...*

**NANCY EPSTEIN:** It says glamour—an Art Deco, Hollywood-inspired glamour that's elegant, not glitzy. Mirror will make a room feel larger, but mirror that's 100 percent clear can be annoying. There are certain angles you really don't want to see yourself from. With antiqued mirror, you get the illusion of space without all those multiple glaring reflections. And I deliberately used it on just the upper half of the walls.

*What's on the other half?* Calacatta Gold marble, which is also on the floor. The marble is polished on the walls and honed on the floor, to be more slip-resistant. Then, since the room is large, we did that decorative tile insert in the middle of the floor, like a carpet. *With quatrefoils. What inspired that design?*

I did this bathroom for my son and daughter-in-

law, and she loves that motif. So my company, Artistic Tile, developed this for her. It's a pattern that has been around for centuries—you see it in Moorish and Gothic art and architecture. Here, each quatrefoil is made of glass or stone, and the combination creates a three-dimensional effect even though it's a flat pattern. Then we did a border in mother-of-pearl. Classic materials, classic pattern, but made in a new way.

*How so?*

It's cut with a water jet—the price would be ridiculous if you were to cut it by hand. The water jet is so precise that we could have eliminated the grout joint, but we put it in to make it feel timeless. When tiles fit together exactly, it looks too manufactured and too new.

*I like the clean lines of that vanity.*

It's rooted in Art Deco, and yet it doesn't read as Art Deco. It's traditional

and yet contemporary. And like a good piece of jewelry, it will last forever. We made it in white glass, to echo the glass tile, and brushed stainless steel.

*One vanity, or two?*

Two, right opposite each other. If space allows, you're better off separating the sinks rather than trying to squeeze two into one vanity. Give a husband and a wife separate work spaces so they're not bumping into each other. This is one place where you do not want to share.

*Why did you add more decorative tile around the medicine cabinets?*

I like to put the detail where you're going to see it the most.

*You've seen a lot of tile.*

That's an understatement. Here's something I've learned: One of the beauties of stone is that it changes. Marble doesn't get old, it ages. Like me, it may acquire some age spots, but we both look pretty good. ●

### SHE LIKES

*“When my sample ran out, I noticed the wrinkles were coming back. So you figure it's doing its job.”*



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1. An insert of Arpell Bianco tile dresses up the shower stall. Showerhead by Waterdecor. 2. Mother-of-pearl liner tile frames the Arpell Bianco tile and catches the light. All by Artistic Tile. 3. MTI's Parisian tub is large enough for the couple to put all three of their children in at once.

#### GET THE LOOK...

Tile and mirror: [artistictile.com](http://artistictile.com).

Tub: [mtibaths.com](http://mtibaths.com).

Fixtures: [waterdecor.com](http://waterdecor.com).

Medicine cabinets: [robern.com](http://robern.com).

Sconces: [visualcomfort.com](http://visualcomfort.com).

Towels: [restorationhardware.com](http://restorationhardware.com).

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