

Bathroom subway tile ideas for a cool and splashproof space

Bathroom subway tiles are a classic design choice that'll never go out of style.

Here are the latest looks



(Image credit: Fireclay Tile)



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Bathroom subway tiles are guaranteed to work in any style or size space, making them a pretty much fail-safe option. As the name suggests, they began life in the New York subway, as an easy-to-clean and light-reflective wall surface that was, first and foremost, a practical wall covering for a dark and grimy subway.

But it wasn't long before restaurants, hotels, and then finally residential homes clocked on to the versatility, practicality, low cost, and serious style points that come with the humble subway tile.

And we've been loving bathroom subway tile ideas ever since. There are so many different looks you can create with this simple rectangular tile, so if you're looking for [bathroom tile ideas](#) you're most certainly in the right place.

4. OR KEEP THINGS CALM AND SIMPLE WITH CAMOUFLAGED GROUTING



(Image credit: Etch Design Group Photographer Mia Baxter)

If a serene scene is what you're after, choose a grout color that blends in with your tile color. 'Using subway tiles with a matching grout color creates a seamless look,' says Leah.

This makes your subway tile layout less prominent for a more simple, pared-back space. Here, the shower area is minimal and calm. Complete your look with one of the [best high-pressure showerheads](#), and you'll have the perfect, relaxing shower experience where you can switch off and unwind.

9. CHOOSE A HORIZONTAL BLOCK PATTERN TO WIDEN YOUR ROOM



(Image credit: Etch Design Group. Photography by Cate Black)

Laying your subway tiles vertically in a horizontal block pattern like this works to visually widen your room, making it feel bigger than it is. This also creates an orderly, structured and linear feel.

'Tile color is a great way to add character, creativity and give a room a personality,' says Leah. [Pink bathrooms](#) create a soft, delicate vibe and these pale pink tiles work perfectly with the rose gold hardware.