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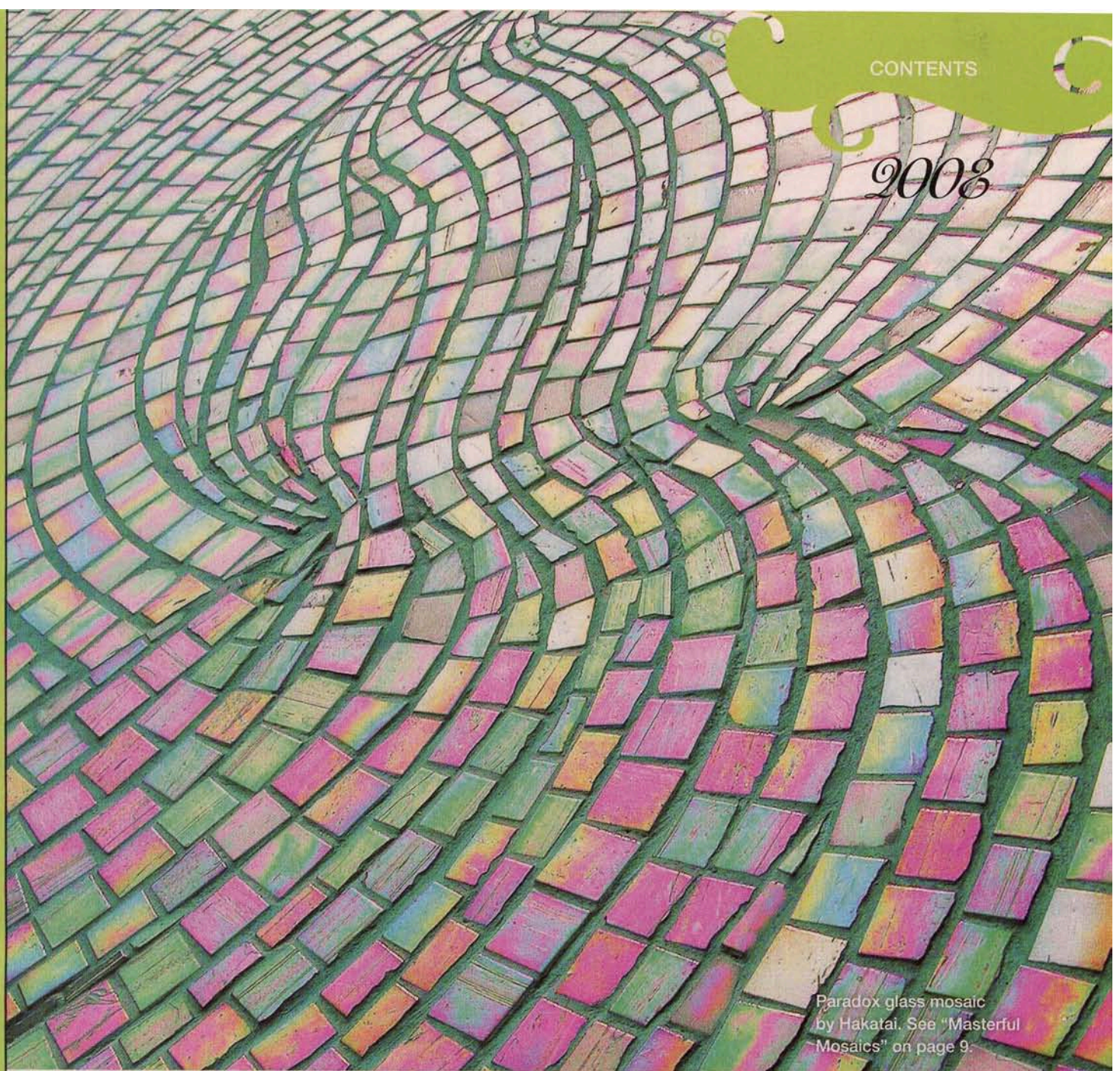


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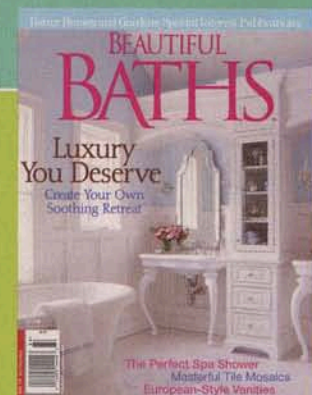
Sink cabinets styled with the grace of antique Continental furniture.

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Dramatic lighting dresses the sinks of a double vanity.



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Masterful Mosaics

There's an art to styling your bath with tiny tiles — one piece at a time.



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Erin Adams' interlocking oval in silver glass and mineral glass, available through Ann Sacks; 800/278-8453; annsacks.com; **Beau Monde** Montgomery mosaic in calcutta tia and emperador dark stones, available through Ann Sacks; 800/278-8453; annsacks.com; **Flower Lattice** in calcutta tia, jura gray, montevideo, verde luna, polished crema valencia, and tumbled crema marfil stones, New Ravenna Mosaics and Stone; 757/442-3379; newravenna.com

Imagine the Possibilities

Tile mosaics offer great versatility for use on floors, walls, and more.

1. Frame It as Wall Art. Adding a trim of tile draws eyes to a mosaic graphic or mural, much like the frame on a painting.

2. Build Drama in Layers of Pattern. Mosaic field tile is lovely on its own or as a ground for more pattern. This jazzy Art Deco-style bath by designer Monique Gibson features an interlocking oval floor pattern of the same marble cladding walls.

3. Add a Tromp L'oeil Rug. Decorative insets of mosaic offset a bath's cool, hard surfaces when fashioned as a fool-the-eye heirloom carpet. Rug collection by Sicis The Art Factory; 877/839-8900; sicis.com.

4. Border a Backsplash. Repeating patterns brilliantly personalize traditional surface materials. Install them in a row above the counter for an eye-catching backsplash.

5. Trim a Doorway or Window. Mosaic border patterns add decorative punch when used in place of moldings.

6. Wrap a Tub. Why settle for plain white porcelain when tubs can be sheathed in glittery mosaic? Maxima bathtub by Sicis The Art Factory; 877/839-8900; sicis.com



Material Choice

Mosaics are an ancient art form initially created with stone, but styles are rapidly evolving to incorporate new materials and 21st-century techniques.

Glass enhances pattern play with optical effects. In a mix of reflective finishes, many are hard enough for floors and counters.

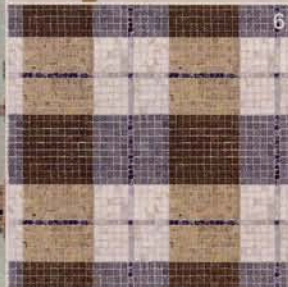
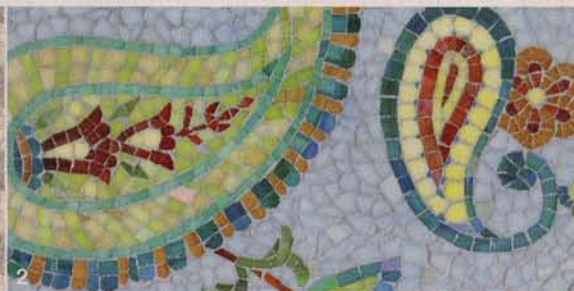
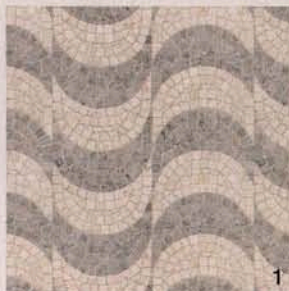
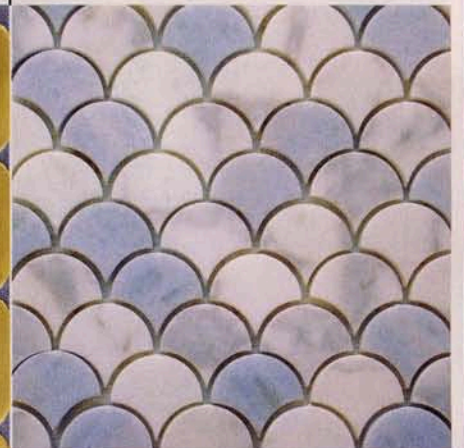
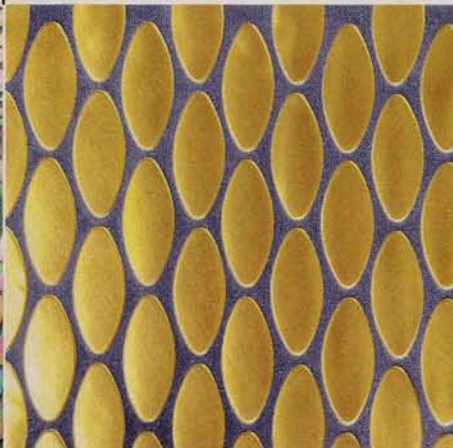
Paradox iridescent glass mosaic tile by Hakatai; 888/667-2429; hakatai.com

Metal mosaics take materials such as stainless steel and brass beyond their industrial roots to simply glamorous ends.

Metallismo Gilt 01 mosaic by Sicis The Art Factory; 877/839-8900; sicis.com

Stone is traditional for mosaics but its range of designs is not thanks to myriad shapes, many now created with laserjets.

Hydra collection fish scale mosaic by Mosaico Italiano; 866/667-4825; mosaicaitaliano.com



Possibilities in Pattern

Decorative mosaics are sold ready-to-grout on mesh sheets. Some can even be colored and scaled to suit your unique design needs.

1. **Moondance**, New Ravenna Mosaics and Stone; 757/442-3379; newravenna.com
2. **Paisley Vine** in glass, New Ravenna Mosaics and Stone; 757/442-3379; newravenna.com
3. **Hanami Floral** in azure, Bisazza Mosaico; 800/247-2992; bisazza.com
4. **Bette** in thassos and honey onyx, Ann Sacks; 800/278-8453; annsacks.com
5. **Facets** running bond in iridescent glass, Oceanside Glasstile; glasstile.com
6. **Tartan Stone**, New Ravenna Mosaics and Stone; 757/442-3379; newravenna.com
7. **TY525** custom hand-cut glass mosaic, Hakatai; 888/667-2429; hakatai.com