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glam central

The unofficial term for pairing a wood vanity with rich colors and texture? Ooh la loo! L.A. blogger Kelly Mindell of Studio DIY poshed hers up with shimmery green terra-cotta tile, matte pink concrete sinks from Nood Co., and gleaming accents. "There's no reason even the most utilitarian items can't be special," she says.

Vintage Pivot 27" x 35" aluminum mirror in brass finish, \$349, potterybarn .com

Kelly 14"-wide brass and powder-coated-steel double sconce in peach. \$240, sazeracstitches.com



tiles in secret lagoon, \$19.50





Every day is self-care day when your bathroom has "pamper me" vibes. In this one in Mendota Heights, MN, designer Bria Hammel created a serenely elegant palette—black-and-white floral wallpaper, subway tile with gray grout (softer than standard white), and polished chrome. Two fluffy mats are twice as inviting as one.





Fouta cotton hand towel in navy and coastal blue, \$20, serenaandlily .com



classic and cool

For the best of both worlds, a Charlotte, NC, bathroom combines a traditional legged vanity and vintage-y mirrors with superlong blue tiles in a herringbone pattern and sleek mini globe pendants from Elk Lighting. Says homebuilder Matt Connolly, "It's striking but not out there."





Amerock Arrondi 5" x 6½" aluminum towel ring in brushed bronze finish, \$38.50, homedepot.com

Imperial Frame 4" x 24" ceramic tiles in ocean blue, \$15 per square foot, tileshop.com



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total mood

Romantic-but make it modern, requested the Nashville, TN, homeowners. Designer Beth Haley had their vanity painted dark gray and the walls deep lavender (Soulmate by Sherwin-Williams), then mixed in black and brass finishes. "A faceted vase always adds sophistication," she says.



Forge Hardware Studio 3³/₄"-wide metal bar pull in satin brass finish, \$11, wayfair.com

Yaquina 18" x 24" brass mirror in aged finish, \$249, rejuvenation.com

14 ¾"-tall metal sconce in old bronze finish, \$232, overstock.com

Hudson Valley Lighting Islip





earthy chic

For timeless style in her Toronto, Canada, hallway bathroom, designer Jordy Fagan chose neutral, rustic-ish elements like khaki paint and white oak pendants (from Etsy store DLdesignworks). Now it's been taken over by toddler twins, "and at least there's a calm feeling at bath time!" Leather pulls are soft in case of jostling and wicker baskets can hold toys.



towel in striped, \$19, crateandbarrel.com

Kichler Indeco 27"-wide aluminum sconce in natural brass

finish, \$306, homedepot.com



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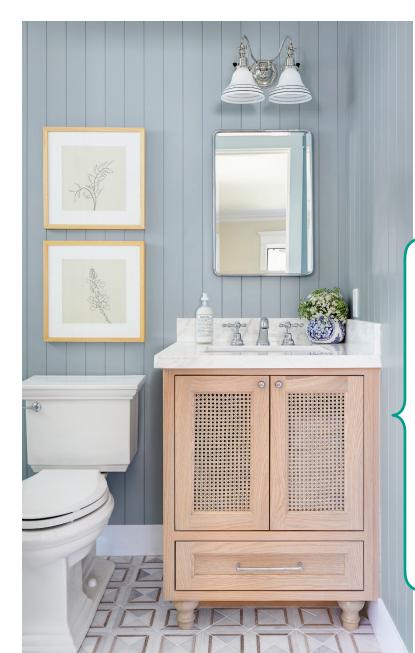
bold statement

A dark brown vanity painted glossy candy-apple red is poptastic, but looks even more so next to dreamy wallpaper. "It's a total 'wow!'" says designer Miranda Cullen of the Denver, CO, room. Also fab: the matching wallpaper, mirror, and sconce of the "his" vanity on the opposite wall, reflected in the mirror.



wallpaper, \$72 per 2' x 12' roll, spoonflower.com

Tina Frey 5½"W x 4¼"D x 1½"H brushed brass soap dish, \$78, shophorne.com





beach escape

When you're sea-loving homeowners but you live in Phoenix, AZ, you don't want to go decor overboard. So designer Lexi Westergard went partly coastal and partly natural with a custom caned-front vanity and ocean-hued walls (painted Blue Heather by Benjamin Moore), plus botanical prints and a floral vase.



Irvine 131/2"-wide brass sconce in satin nickel finish, \$299, schoolhouse.com

Chinoiserie 4³/₄"-tall ceramic vase, \$58, shopterrain.com





Flora Number One by Leslie Hamer 8" x 10" print with natural raw wood frame, \$53, minted.com