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### Geoffrey DeSousa, San Francisco Showcase House

Bath trends are frequently driven by new technology, such as time-saving appliances and wood floors impervious to water damage. But interior designer Geoffrey DeSousa chose to envelop this master bathroom with mosaics, a time-honored craft.

"Mosaics are often given a modern feel, with lots of glass, pattern, and color," says DeSousa. "In this instance, I stuck with only a couple of materials, which makes the design more about texture and gives it some of that ancient charm as well as the stamp of true craftsmanship."

The homeowner requested that the bathroom not scream either mas-

culine or feminine; instead, just a whisper of the clean and the sensual was desired. Ample storage was added behind a full-length mirror that opens up as a medicine cabinet and in a separate unit that keeps day-to-day necessities out of sight. The mirror and the mosaic panels lining the walls throughout add architectural interest to the warm, cocoa-brown tiles. Continuing the mosaic theme on the floor, his-and-her mosaic "labels" are inserted in front of dual marble vanities set atop Lucite-and-nickel legs. ➤

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