

Jazz up your bathroom walls and even the floor with eye-catching borders. They allow you to add texture and colour or if you're after something fanciful; add a little Italian flair with listelli.

## *Border-licious* bathrooms



**W**ide or narrow, horizontal or vertical, borders can be created with colourful mosaics, beautiful listelli or tiles cut into narrow strips.

The word listelli is derived from the Italian word listello or listel meaning narrow border or band. Crafted from glass, marble and polished stone, listelli provide a stylish border to a tiled wall and draw attention when fitted between wall tiles.

"In a bathroom, mosaics or listelli work as a border between tiles or can be used to edge a bath box or built-in vanity, or as a striking frame around a mirror," says Kate van Niekerk, marketing manager for TILE AFRICA.

**Here are some guidelines when planning borders in the bathroom:**

- Position a horizontal boarder about two to three tile widths above the basin and vanity or below the mirror to ensure it catches the eye
- To further enhance the feature wall, you can lay the tiles above the border at a 45-degree angle

- A vertical border or band of colour works well behind the toilet and vanity or can continue from the wall onto the floor for a creative edge
- Create a vertical or horizontal band with the same tiles used on the wall by cutting them into different sizes

**Top tip:**

If you have a limited budget, use glass mosaic sheets to create a border. Cut these horizontally into two or three strips. Mosaic sheets range from 150 to 230mm in length and cost between R25 and R150 per sheet, depending on the material, and one sheet can produce a border of up to one running metre, making this a cost-effective way to create an attractive border.

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