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DRAMATIC TILEWORK EMERGES AS THE STAR IN TWO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SPACES WHERE CALCULATED DESIGN DETAILS MAKE FOR A STRIKING YET RESTRAINED KITCHEN AND BATH.

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"This bathroom, particularly the mosaic floor, was about finding balance; not just in the scale of the space, but between past and present," says designer Chad Eisner of this Venice Beach, California, retreat. "It touches on historical references of what an old-world Tuscan home would be today."

BALANCE BEAM

WITH AN ARRESTING MOSAIC FLOOR AND MIRRORED BATHTUB AT CENTER STAGE, SOFT DETAILS TAKE A BACKSEAT TO REVEAL AN ELEGANT, TRANQUIL RETREAT.

It might sound surprising, but this bathroom is a study in restraint," says Los Angeles designer Chad Eisner. "It's really about 'less is more.'" At first glance, the Tuscan-inspired bathroom reveals a custom mosaic floor by Waterworks—softly reflected in a sculptural mirror-finished soaking tub by the brand—that packs a dazzling punch. But a further study reveals subdued draperies, rough-hewn reclaimed beams, modest hardware. "There really was no competing with that floor or tub," Eisner says about the space's protagonists, pieces selected and sited by the home's architect, William Hablinski. "So I wanted to keep the rest of the details simple." Eisner draped the double French doors in unlined sea green linen to diffuse sunlight, and selected an eye-catching yet uncomplicated light fixture. "The chandelier could have been really grandiose because of the large volume of space here, but the frame and finish are very simple, and the soft drapes of crystal beads provide a sensual line that casually moves your eye in and out." Ultimately, Eisner sought to create a warm, soothing oasis where every detail felt effortless. "This room overlooks the Los Angeles Basin, so it has a magical quality in that you can be soaking in the tub and no one in the world can see you, but you're looking over millions of people go on about their lives. It's a complete flip on privacy."



PHOTOS: LISA ROMERIN.

“Bathrooms are where we get ready to face the day. It’s so much more than washing your hands or taking a shower. It’s where we find our motivation, unwind and reset.”

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