

# design talk

Italian artist and designer Patrizia Gucci talks bathroom design



Patrizia Gucci follows in her family's stylish footsteps with a range of soft furnishings under the label Patti Patti [www.patriziagucci.com](http://www.patriziagucci.com)

## At home

The bathroom should be considered as part of the house rather than just a functional room for washing and bathing. It should always be in a convenient location to the bedroom, ideally ensuite; it should be treated as an extension of the bedroom.

## Create an atmosphere

Visual warmth and a relaxing atmosphere can be created with natural wood, decorative wallpaper and beautiful tiles such as Italian marble. In addition, you can introduce flowers and candles to bring fragrance and ambience. Also make sure that you have a wide variety of oils and bubble baths to choose from. Just selecting a nice-smelling oil is enough to get you into the right frame of mind to relax!

## Storage solutions

Don't leave clutter in your bathroom. Instead, hide all the little bits and pieces in a storage unit with shelving inside so you can find things easily.

## Mirror magic

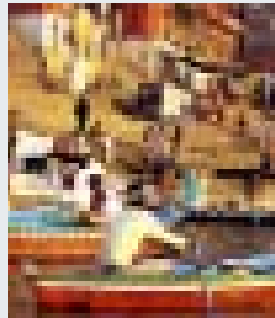
Mirrors serve several important roles in the bathroom; their reflective surface not only allows you to see yourself in them but also reflects light around the room and can make a small space look larger. Mounted in pretty frames, they are also a beautiful addition to the décor.

## Tempting towels

Try to get really big and fluffy towels. I personally prefer white towels as they represent cleanliness and remind me of spas, and you can quickly spot if they aren't clean any more.

## Take a seat

If you have the room, don't forget the ever-important bathroom chair. Choose a style which suits your bathroom décor and which is comfy to use. This will allow you to sit comfortably while you put on your body lotions after having a relaxing bath.



## From lamps to literature, here's a few of Patrizia's favourite things...

**I feel most inspired...** when I'm in my studio. My inspiration comes from observing nature, colours that give energy and materials such as stone or a special wood or silk or canvas. I also find antiques a great source of inspiration for my creativity.

**I wouldn't be without...** my favourite armchair, where I sit and read.

**My interiors address book secret is...** antique shops. You can find some great hidden gems or just get some design inspiration.

**My best-ever home buy is...** lamps. I always have my eye out for something unusual and beautiful that provides warmth and ambience. They are so versatile and can be used all over the house. When you tire of one in one room, you can move it to another room where it will still be useful.

**I can never have enough...** books. I love to read! I particularly love books on art and classical philosophy.

**For holidays...** I love India for the culture and for its spirituality.

**When it comes to cooking...** I enjoy it as I find it very relaxing. I like to invent my own dishes such as chicken with orange and cloves.

**My most extravagant home purchase was...** my library. I designed it to be made from Perspex, a material that I love because it is clear and warm.

**My dream dinner guests would be...** the artist Pablo Picasso and the actor Ralph Fiennes.

**My pet hate in décor is...** everything matching in the same colour or the same fabric. Decoration should be created with feeling and should be a reflection of your personality.

**When it comes to chores...** I hate ironing!

