





Above: Four foot concrete panels that are only one inch thick are set like tile on this shower wall. The shower pan was poured in place using sea shells as a decorative aggregate and then polished like terrazzo.



Above: The meticulously embedded tiles in the beveled concrete panel edge add a matching accent to the tiled wall.



What do you get when you mix three distinctly different surfacing materials with three distinct areas of a bathroom? A perfectly matched look in a uniquely mixed arrangement. California concrete artisan Jack Cooper unified a shower, vanity, and bathtub with Oceanside glass tiles, concrete panels, and somewhat traditional cabinetry.



Above: The backsplash was added as the construction progressed because the designer/owner wanted the concrete to look more substantial than it previously would have.

Designer Notes

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Specifications Concrete Shower Panels, Vanity, Tub Surround

Total Retail Price: \$9,099

Volume: 12 cubic feet of concrete

Weight: 1,644 lbs

Concrete Mix: 800 psi mix cylinder tested with waterproofing admixtures, CHENG Pro-Formula Saddle

Tiles: Oceanside Glasstile

Bathtub/Sinks: Kohler

Faucets: Grohe

Shower Fixtures: Grohe

Cabinetry: Kitchen Works

Architect - Shackleton Architecture

Interior Designer - Lori and Ron Gordines + Shackleton Architecture



Above: The tub surround was cast with an 18" front apron that stops a few inches from the floor and gives a floating effect. Before the apron was set the electrician mounted lighting. The overall effect is a floating underlit bathtub that anyone would want to relax in.

Why concrete?

The tile on its own was beautiful, but the concrete made the overall effect far more innovative.

Client Desire

We were looking to meld the traditional looking bath seamlessly with the concrete panels. We didn't want the concrete to overwhelm the design but only to bring another pleasing aspect. As the design and materials unfolded we realized the key to bringing in the concrete to the traditional was the Oceanside Glasstile. We decided to embed/inlay it into the beveled edge for the shower wall panels.

Client Reaction

The owner/builder is involved in the project management of some of the most high-end retail establishments such as Apple, Chanel, Cartier and Cole Haan so his level of expertise and acceptance of product is very high considering that these high-end companies are trusting him to bring their image to life. The image that both he and his wife wanted to reflect was of a relaxing place to take care of themselves.

Timing + Expertise

The masterbath is on a second floor and the only access for the installation was the staircase with a landing halfway up. The vanity piece is nine feet long and was the main focus on the install. We reinforced the entire counter with a rebar cage that would help us move it around. We placed the vanity in a custom enclosure we use for installation to keep the concrete protected during installation. We have found that the more thinking and talking about how to move each piece the better the installation goes as opposed to just trying to muscle it in.



Left: The CHENG Pro-Formula color Saddle was used to bring out a kind of soft leather look. All of the concrete has a beautiful mottled feel.



Left: The concrete tub surround was designed to be flush with the tub. The concrete was designed to be more of a subtlety than an overwhelming design element.



Left: The seams were necessary for this installation so placement was chosen very carefully.



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