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ASK THE EXPERT

Are there any innovative materials you would recommend? "Right now, I am in love with Neolith. It is a high-tech sintered porcelain, which means that clays, feldspar, silica and mineral oxides are compressed and then heated to extreme pressures and temperatures, making this material a workhorse. This material is interchangeable to any marble, granite or limestone, and has none of the worry or headache associated with natural stone. It is stain-, heat- and scratch-resistant. It is eco-friendly, so no toxins are ever released. The color range is vast and from natural pigments, and will not deteriorate from sun exposure or extreme temperatures. It has a 15-year warranty. And it is approximately half the cost of some marbles. Love."



Beth Martin, Martin Group, 1704 Union St., San Francisco, 415.374.7320, martingroupsf.com

SANTA BARBARA

NATURE-MADE

For Santa Barbara clients Jason Rick and Meggen Maloney, architect **Jeff Shelton** went in a very Zen direction. The couple craved quiet, calm colors for their master suite, and during the design phase, requested that walls be replaced with large glass doors that opened up to Santa Barbara's mild climate. Happy to oblige, Shelton used as much glass as possible—while still maintaining privacy—to focus on a view out toward boulders, cacti and succulents. Patterned blue and white cement tiles of Shelton's own design were installed to pick up morning sunlight. "Because of all the colors from the garden beyond, we [limited] the palette to two shades: Blanc and French blue," Shelton says. The statement volcanic limestone and resin tub by Victoria + Albert was chosen for its simple egg design: a perfect counterpart to a vivid view out to the natural world. Adds Rick: "Nothing brings more delight than watching a bobcat or family of California quail march by the door while taking a bath." 519 Fig Ave., Santa Barbara, 805.965.8812, jeffsheltonarchitect.com

PEACEFUL RETREAT
Inspired by its lush natural surrounds, this Santa Barbara bathroom by architect **Jeff Shelton** features the Napoli tub by Victoria + Albert, the Axor Starck freestanding tub filler in polished chrome by Hansgrohe, and blue and white Wallflower tiles from Shelton's Santa Barbara Collection.



SANTA BARBARA: PHOTOGRAPH BY JACQUELYNE BIRD

IT'S A WASH
Neutra's Duo washbasin, pictured in a Bianco Carrara finish, from \$3,400, at MASS Beverly.

LOS ANGELES

SET IN STONE

With each delicately rounded basin carved from a single stone block, **Neutra's Duo** washbasins boldly illustrate the purity of nature and precise, Italian-made craftsmanship. The minimalist sinks—available in nine finishes, including Basaltina, a gray lava stone; Sinai, a gray-green sandstone; and Bianco Carrara, a light-veined white marble—are processed with cutting-edge technology and treated with anti-stain products to ensure perfect maintenance for years to come. *MASS Beverly, 9000 Beverly Blvd., West Hollywood, 310.271.2172, massbeverly.com*