



MAKE UPKEEP EASY In a bathroom where lots of splashing occurs, consider matt or lappato (semi-polished) glazed porcelain tiles instead of polished or gloss (left). “They’re less prone to streaking and splash marks,” says strategic designer Vanessa Thompson of Beaumont Tiles. “Glazed tiles have the added bonus of being pre-sealed and non-porous.”

CREATE AN OPTICAL ILLUSION Do you need to brighten the appearance of a dark bathroom? “Go for flooring finishes in a bright white or cool light-grey (below left & below right),” says Vanessa. “Cool colours tend to recede, giving the impression of a larger room,” she explains. Try the ‘Burlington’ floor tiles in Ivory with the Naturale finish from Perini (below left).



“LARGE, LIGHT TILES BOUNCE LIGHT AROUND *the room,* CREATING THE ILLUSION OF SPACE”
~ LOUISE DAMMER, DAMMER INTERIORS



GET THE LOOK: Bellazza Builders porcelain tile in Carrara Stone, \$24.84/carton, Bunnings.



MINIMISE GROUT LINES You can reduce future grout issues by choosing large format or slab tiles (above & left), suggests Beaumont Tiles’ Vanessa. “Look for 800mm x 800mm or up to 1000mm x 3000mm – these [tile formats] will help reduce the amount of grout lines, especially in places where mould tends to grow,” she says. “You can also apply an easy-clean epoxy grout or use a good-quality grout sealer to help prevent stains.” 