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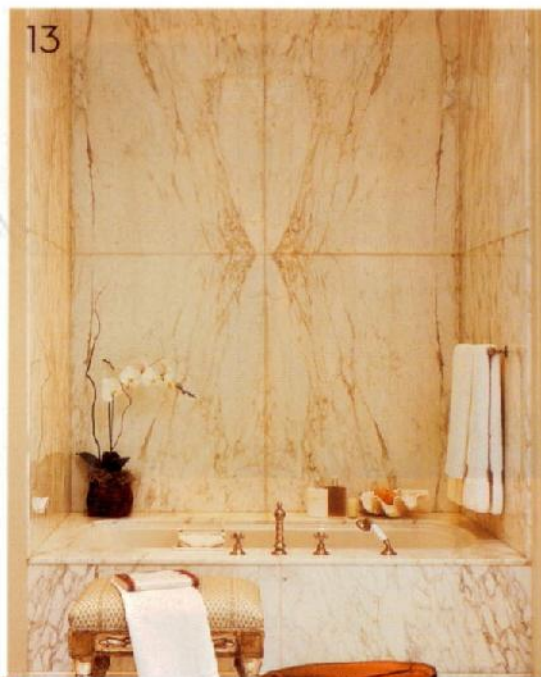
+ A GUIDE FOR THE DESIGN-OBSESSED TRAVELER

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SUBTLE BACKGROUND DETAILS, LIKE STITCHED WALLS OR BOOK-MATCHED STONE SLABS, ADD PATTERN AND TEXTURE



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12 "I wanted to design a secretary that is both modern and traditional. I love the wire front because you can see inside. The piece is customizable; you can choose any color." CHRISTOPHER MAYA
Secretary, \$18,650, E. J. Victor.
ejvictor.com

13 "Book-matched marble slabs in bathrooms create a beautiful design in stone that is very architectural. It takes time to find the perfect matching stones."
 MARTIN HORNER
Custom marble bathroom, Soucie Horner

14 "I often use wallpaper to line the backs of bookcases. This Venetian paper added pattern to a room with solid-colored walls, carpet, and furniture. I love the dark peony color." KATIE RIDDER
Pheasant wallpaper by Twigs, through John Rosselli & Associates.

15 "I use leather walls from artist Jim Zivic. The corners are joined with stainless-steel lacing. The look is minimal, handcrafted, completely utilitarian, and industrial chic. It's not decorator-y at all, and that's why I like it." AMY LAU
Custom-made walls, jimzivic.com.

16 "I love using mini-stripes and couture details on lampshades to complement a room's decor." JOHN CHRISTENSEN
Custom shades, Blanche P. Field.

17 "For one house, we had textiles ink-jet-printed with floral motifs and trellises and used them as wall panels. A detail of birds was a leitmotif; they were laser-cut into wood and embroidered on fabric. It's like an adult version of *Where's Waldo?*" MICHAEL SIMON
Custom tiles, Michael Simon Interiors.
 For designers' contact information, see Shopping, last pages.



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■ "We're obsessed with our clients' obsessions. For a family of die-hard sailors, we had the architect run the weather vane through the walls to land in the center of their great room. An artist painted a compass rose on the ceiling where the pointer comes out. All they have to do is look up from the sofa to see where the prevailing wind is blowing."
 JOE LUCAS

■ "I am crazy about antique Turkish embroidered fabrics with abstract floral patterns outlined in silver thread." SARA BENGUR