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ONE TO WATCH Textile Designer Tafui McLean

BRING A FEW ROUND ELEMENTS INTO A HARD-WORKING, FUNCTIONAL SPACE

This bathroom operates as a change room and shower for the outdoor pool—and that can mean a half-dozen kids dropping off wet towels and bathing suits on any given day—so designer **Sophie Burke** of Vancouver's **Sophie Burke Design** selected sturdy materials for the space. Hard-wearing grey tile lines the floors, Caesarstone's Rugged Concrete tops the bench, and vertical tiles on the walls can stand up to any wet items on the towel hooks. Black accents throughout offer a fresh colour contrast, and the round fingerpulls on the cabinetry and curvy light fixture from Cedar and Moss bring a playful element. It's designed to be kid-friendly—and to anticipate that not all kids will carefully put away their wet things. "At least mine wouldn't!" laughs Burke.

Natural Selection
Organic objects like the rattan baskets from Twenty One Tonnes and a Libeco towel from Bacci's warm up a typically cool space like this pool change area.

Pattern Play
For the custom millwork from Northmount Industries, designer Kevin Mitchell opted for tamo (a Japanese ash) and gave it a light stain. "With it being so heavily patterned on the walls," says Mitchell, "we felt a tighter grain on the wood competed less with the tile."



MINIMALIST SPACES CAN STILL BE BOLD—WITH THE RIGHT TILE

Designer **Kevin Mitchell** of **Mitchell Design House** was tasked with creating a minimalist primary ensuite for an architecture-obsessed client—though the Calgary-based designer is no minimalist himself. "It was an exercise in restraint for me," says Mitchell. "Typically I'd have art in the bathroom, and I'd liven it up with colour, but he liked that monochromatic, very tranquil feel." Mitchell still made the space feel lively and engaging, with large-format, 4-by-8-foot porcelain tile from Julian Tile on the walls, designed to look and feel like marble. By minimizing the grout lines, the marble pattern comes front and centre, via a quieter tile pattern on the floors and a more dynamic one on the walls. And that sculptural tub from Kohler provides just the right amount of softness in the space. "I just loved how organic the shape of that tub was," says Mitchell. "You want a bit of curve in there to make it a little bit more inviting."

