



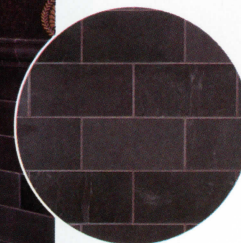
Period Paper

The Victorian motif on the **Pattern 95 wallpaper** from Brewster Home Fashions pretties up the hard-edged space; brewsterwallcovering.com.



Made to Order

The clients selected the **Hot and Cold Water Mixing faucet** and had it copper plated to match the pipes; chicagofaucets.com.



Shades of Gray

The dark hue, matte finish and classic shape of the **Eclipse subway tile** from Ann Sacks are at home in a steampunk bath; annsacks.com.



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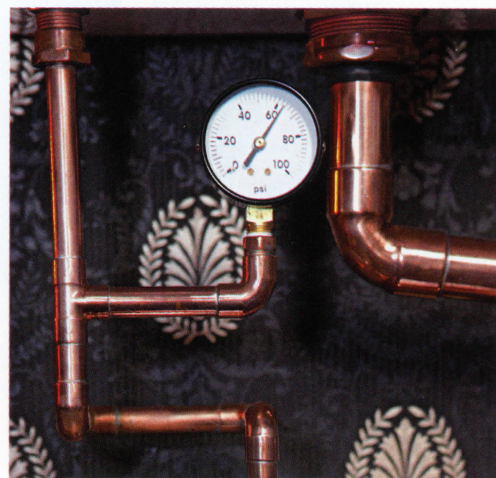
—ANDRE ROTHBLATT, ANDRE ROTHBLATT ARCHITECTURE

When his clients (a youthful couple who appreciate technology as well as single malt scotch) asked architect Andre Rothblatt to design a steampunk bathroom, he had to Google the term to find out what it meant. “I’d never heard of the movement, but I loved the idea,” he says. “I really got into exaggerating and elongating the pipes in the room.”

The building department wasn’t as excited. “It’s one of those things that is easy to design, but hard to do,” Rothblatt says. In the end the plumbing is not only code compliant, it also seems to work better than standard arrangements. “There’s more water pressure,” says Rothblatt, who installed a functioning water gauge (right) and notes that when the pull chain on the toilet is deployed, the rushing sound is nothing less than mighty.

In true steampunk fashion, Victorian and gothic elements—black and gold foil wallpaper and noirish subway tile—complete the look. “I love the idea of having an ornate bathroom in what is an otherwise modern house,” says Rothblatt.

In fact, the architect sees steampunk interiors as a rebellion against modernism. “I think it’s a reaction to the prevalence of the Duravit sink and other clean-lined fixtures,” he says. —*Mary Jo Bowling*



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