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transitional-style tile

For his company's very first project, builder Jeff Pritchard of Trellis Residential merged contemporary tile from Melcer Tile with traditional design to create a transitional-style Mt. Pleasant home.

After collaborating with Darryl Cobb of Cobb Architects to create a detailed design, Jeff Pritchard of Trellis Residential began work on his company's inaugural project. The homeowners desired a blend of traditional style and contemporary flair. Jeff explains, "We wanted the house to be more transitional and bridge the gap between modern Charleston and old-school Charleston. So we added coastal shiplap, white floors, simple trims, and mahogany doors."

Many of the modern aspects of the home, however, can be found in the tile selections (which were purchased at Melcer Tile). Quartzite, an up-and-coming natural-stone alternative to marble and granite, was the choice for several of the home's bathrooms.

The material is a very hard, metamorphic rock that is first mined as sandstone. Then, it is heated and pressurized to create quartzite. This process causes the stone to be extremely durable. It's available in all tile cuts and sizes, making it ideal for bathroom applications—from floors to shower walls and tub surrounds.

A perfect combination of contemporary and traditional can be found in the master bathroom, which boasts a relaxing spa-like atmosphere. The ledger-stone wall behind the modern free-standing tub offers a natural feel with neutral hues. The flooring provides a subtle nod to mod through its tile size—twelve inches by twenty-four inches. The large pieces require less grout, making the surface seem sleek and more cohesive.

(above) The guest bathroom shower features a chocolate tile paired with light-colored mosaics. *(far right)* The master bathroom exudes a spa-like feel with a freestanding tub and ledger-stone wall. *(right, top to bottom)* Ledger Stone, Quartzite, Porcelain Tile, Glass Mosaic Tiles

