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Right: A partial wall divides the room, creating a niche for a makeup station on one side and providing separation for the bathtub on the opposite wall (not shown). Opposite: The countertop-mount faucet and vessel sink at each vanity mimic the clean lines of the soaking tub. Thin strips of Carrara marble tile continue the bath's horizontal design aesthetic.



Ginger Bonneau, a real estate agent with a passion for interior design, recognized a window of opportunity in this downtown Chicago apartment. Although the master bath began as a cold concrete box, Bonneau zeroed in on its best quality—a dramatic tall window that floods the room with light and a remarkable cityscape view.

"This west-facing window lets in so much natural light," Bonneau says, "and you can see a lot of the horizon, which is emphasized by a horizontal division near the top of the window. All of this became my inspiration for creating a serene master bath escape for the homeowners."

Magnifying the room's ethereal play of light, creamy Carrara marble floor tiles create a seemingly translucent surface underfoot, like sunlight filtered through clouds. "Using large 24×24-inch tiles makes the look seamless, simple, and clean," Bonneau says, "so the tiles don't distract from the view."

Another translucent element draws the eye upward. "The acrylic chandelier just glows,"

Bonneau says. "It pairs so elegantly with the bathtub." The gleaming white soaking tub, created from a blend of volcanic limestone and high-performance resins, rests on the floor and culminates in a gently flared rim. Positioning the tub perpendicular to the window offers the bather a luxurious view.

The view also prompted a striking wall-tile selection. Muted gray-and-cream Carrara marble liner tiles cut into strips are "just stunning," Bonneau says. "They reminded me of the horizon line visible from the window."

Augmenting the horizontal theme is a pair of floating vanities dressed in a glossy white laminate finish and befittingly topped with Carrara marble and vessel sinks with flared rims similar to the tub's.

"I love the feeling that just emanates all around you when you walk into this bathroom," Bonneau says. "It's beautiful, yet it is also calm and peaceful. The window, the tub, the chandelier, and the tile make the bathroom a functional piece of artwork." RESOURCES BEGIN ON PAGE 122



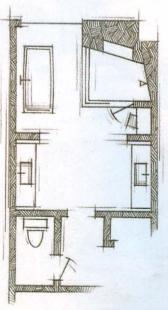
Opposite: Tucked neatly into an alcove beside the steam shower, a modest slab of Carrara marble serves as a cosmetics counter, Right: Natural sunlight filtering in from the bath's large window makes the translucent acrylic chandelier glow-even with the lights off. Far right: A polishedchrome finish on the faucet adds another sparkling element to this glamorous space. Below: Inside the steam shower, different sizes of Carrara marble tiles lend texture and interest without interrupting the bath's serene sensibility. Below right: A bench offers a spot to relax inside the shower and keeps pampering products close at hand. Bottom right: Chrome handles bring shine inside the shower and control a host of spastyle pampering options, including steam, body sprays, and multiple showerheads.

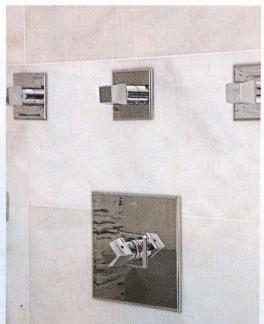












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A vanity mounted on the wall, rather than resting on the floor, offers visual and practical advantages.

- Expand space. "A floating vanity makes a bathroom appear more spacious by keeping flooring visible from wall to wall," says real estate agent and interior designer Ginger Bonneau, "so you see the entire dimensions of a room." The reflective, high-gloss white laminate surface on each vanity enhances the illusion of space.
- Simplify maintenance. "With no base touching the floor for dirt to collect around," Bonneau says, "a floating vanity makes cleaning easier." She selected a wall-mount toilet for the same reason.
- Boost storage. A modular line of cabinetry allowed Bonneau to create each storage-rich vanity using three two-drawer units. "These have sturdy, full-extension drawers to maximize storage," she says.
- Customize height. A wall-mount vanity can be installed at virtually any height, meeting the needs of homeowners of differing statures—or accommodating a vessel-style sink, which requires a slightly lower countertop to compensate for the sink depth.

WHAT'S BEAUTIFUL



- 1. This cabinetry has the look of driftwood-bleached by the sun and tumbled smooth by the waves. Quaker-style door in walnut with Driftscape finish (price upon request). Plain & Fancy Cabinets; 717/949-6571; plainfancycabinets.com
- 2. Glass encircles an industrial-style bulb that gives this chic pendant a modern flair. Reeves large polished-nickel pendant (\$1,170). Arteriors; 877/488-8866; arteriorshome.com
- 3. Ceramic tiles in muted watercolor hues feel at home in a coastal setting. Stoneware Elements in Blue Mist (starting at \$30 per square foot). Ann Sacks; 800/278-8453; annsacks.com
- 4. You'll always be ready to entertain with room for up to 101 bottles of perfectly chilled wine. RW 464 wine refrigerator (\$6,649). Gaggenau; 877/442-4436; gaggenau.com
- 5. Casual cotton with a sophisticated stripe is tailored to perfection. Nailhead Parsons chair in French Ticking Blue (\$385). Ballard Designs; 800/536-7551; ballarddesigns.com









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Interior designer: Ginger Bonneau, Chicago; 312/608-1125; e-mail: cr8cool@gmail.com.

Faucets, chrome tub filler, handheld shower, trims—Gesst gesst.com. All lixturus are available through Studio 41. Highland Park, Illinois; 847/266-1900; studiolortyone.com. Vanity—Duravit USA; 888/387-2848; duravit.com. Recessed medicine cabinets—Robert, Inc.; 800/877-2376; robert.com. Sinks.

tub—Victoria + Albert Bath, LLC, Columbia, South Carolina; 803/748-1228; englishtubs .com. Chandelier, sconces—Lightology; 266/254-4489; lightology.com. Marble and tile flooring and walls—Marble & Granlla Supply of Illinoin; 847/866-8602; marble drantles.com. Bath stool, tabletop mirror, mirrored tray, towels, glass pharmacy bottles—Plestoration Hardware; 800/910-9886, restoration hardware.com. Shaving set—The Art of Shaving: theartotshaving.com.



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Architects: Scott Johnston, David Anderssen, Lisa Williams, Matt Williams, Johnston Design Group, 314 Lloyd St., Greenville, SC 29601; 864/250-0701; Johnstondesigngroup.com,

Interior designers: Moe Dratz and Linda McDougald, Postcard from Paris, 631 S. Main St., Greenville, SC 29601, 864/233-6822; postcardfromparis.com.

Builder: Jeff Tutman, The Tutman Group, P.O. Box 1716, Greer, SC 29652; 864/444 8276; Julmanuroup.com.

Cabinetry custom design by Linda
McDougald, cabinetry fabrication by
Jose Florez, vanity mirrors, bookcase,
armoire—Postcard from Panis, Greenville,
South Carolina; 864/255-4375;
postcardfromparis, com. Countertops
Crema Pistachio limestone—contact local out
stone retailers. Floor tile Lagos Gold
limestone—Walker Zanger, 877/611-0199;
walkerzanger.com. Sink faucets
#JULS20-K, tub faucet lever handles
EATU16, tub Water Monopoly tub, wall tile
Savoy Gloss with Galaria marble trim—
Waterworks; 800/998-2284; waterworks;
com. Sconces custom design,
chandelier antique—20th Century Lighting.
Inc., Santa Monica, California; 310/5811923; 20thcentur/lighting.com.



SOOTHING HARMONY

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Designer: Gall Drury, CMKBD, Drury Design, Gion Ellyn, Illinois; 888/4441-1055; drurydesigns.com.

Flooring and countertops Calacatta Gold marble, sandblasted water closet enclosure, clear glass shower enclosure, tile in shower Thaeses Calacatta mosaic and Emperador light border—Drury Design, Gien Ellyn, Illinois; 288/444-1095; drurydesigns.com.

Cabinets cherrywood Full Flush style im Espresso—Grabill Cabinet Co., Inc., Grabill, Indiane; 280/827-2131; grabillcabinets.com.

Cabinet hardware The Ashbury collection—Top Knobs USA, Inc.; 800/499-9096; replanebsusa.com. Sink faucets, tub, and faucets for tub Punst; shower fixtures DTV Interface Valva System.

Watertile Rain Head, Body Sprays and Bor shower kit—Konler Co.; 800/456-4537; us.kohler.com. Vase by tub—Anthropologie; 800/309-2500; anthropologie.com. Vases by vanities, rug by tub—West Elm; 866/428-6468; westelm.com