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THIS PHOTO: A slipper tub shows off eye-catching curves in this Vancouver bath. An arched mirror framed by paneled millwork adds architectural interest.

OPPOSITE: Painted rafters with decorative ball finials highlight tall ceilings, while marble basket-weave tile adds pattern underfoot.





## All in the Details

Only 8 feet wide, this master bath designed for a spec home in Vancouver may be short on space—but it's big on style. Designer Tereza Bajan made the most of the bath's limited square footage with a smart layout, high ceilings that direct the eye upward, and reflective materials that visually expand the space. Meanwhile, elegant surfaces and plenty of crystal accents give the bath its glamorous feel.

"I wanted to create a sense of old Hollywood glamour and luxury, so I used high-end materials, such as Carrara marble, marble tiles, and Swarovski crystal details," Bajan says. In fact, marble is everywhere, but it appears in many forms to add interesting pattern and texture: A marble basket-weave floor offers a classic



**ABOVE LEFT:** A cantilevered seat creates the impression of more space in the steam shower, while providing all the comfort and convenience of a built-in bench.

**ABOVE RIGHT:** Frameless glass doors put the focus on the shower's marble slabs and mosaic tile accent above.

**OPPOSITE:** Marble countertops pair with sleek cabinetry at the bath's dual vanity for a transitional look. A large mirror reflects natural light from French doors opposite the tub.

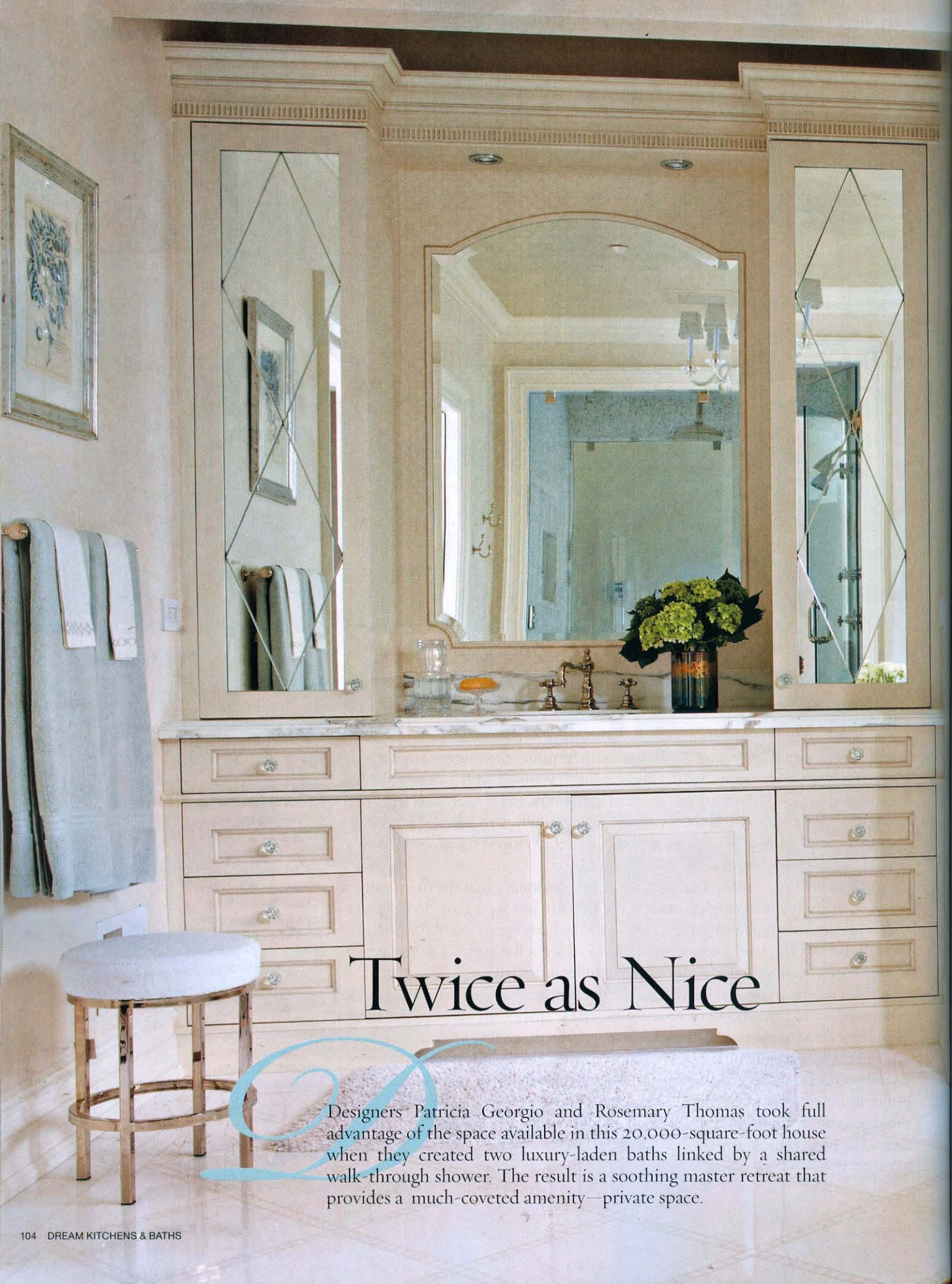
look underfoot, a marble countertop with a waterfall edge lends distinction to the dual vanity, and marble slabs wrap the shower walls in luxury.

Elegant surfaces must be paired with pampering amenities to create a true spa-like retreat, however—and this bath doesn't disappoint. A freestanding slipper tub—set at an angle to make the most of available space—offers a soothing respite, while the steam shower provides a welcoming wake-up call with its rain-style showerhead, multiple body jets, and hand spray. At room's end, a separate toilet compartment ensures privacy.

To give the bath a spacious feel, Bajan emphasized the room's high ceilings and kept the look light and airy with a sophisticated color palette of whites, silvers, and grays. Open rafters transform the ceiling into a design statement, enhancing the bath's traditional pedigree with big ball finial accents. A barrel-vaulted ceiling distinguishes the steam shower, again creating the illusion of more space. Mosaic tiles installed above the marble shower walls direct the eye upward and call attention to the distinctive ceiling treatment.

A mirror framed in marble above the vanity reflects light from the French doors opposite the tub and also expands the room visually. "The reflective surfaces magnify light and interior and exterior views, which in turn magnify how large the room feels," Bajan says. They also reflect the sparkling crystals on the chandelier and wall sconces—highlighting the bath's unique sparkle and shine.

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## Twice as Nice

Designers Patricia Georgio and Rosemary Thomas took full advantage of the space available in this 20,000-square-foot house when they created two luxury-laden baths linked by a shared walk-through shower. The result is a soothing master retreat that provides a much-coveted amenity—private space.

Pale and shimmery, the feminine side of this bath includes a freestanding tub and a private toilet compartment. The white Thassos marble floor extends throughout the master suite.



Each half of the bath suite's ambling layout has its own toilet area, greatly enhancing privacy. And each section has a vanity for discreet grooming (by design, neither is visible to the other). In fact, the woman's side of the suite

has two vanities: a sink for washing up, and a separate dressing table for applying makeup and jewelry. Her side also includes a soaking tub, while the shower is on the husband's side—although it's accessible to both.

The decor features custom cabinetry with traditional raised panels for a classic and elegant look. The underlying style is the same throughout the suite, but the finishing details differ. On the feminine side, both vanities wear a hand-painted finish in soft, pinkish cream, with a pearlescent glaze for highlights. "We wanted all of the elements to be light and shimmery," Georgio says. "We also put more detailing into the vanity, including a beaded trim, which we enhanced with a gray stain."

In the man's bath, the mahogany vanity features a rich chocolate-brown finish. The space is handsome but not dull, thanks to Venetian-plaster walls, white marble countertops, and a white Thassos-marble floor—all of which were carried throughout the suite for visual harmony. "Everyone wants a bright bathroom with a lot of light," Georgio says. "The marble on the vanities and floor helps accomplish that."

A seductive centerpiece, the shared shower is also bright. Although it has no natural light of its own, its pale surfaces seem aglow. The single slab of Calacatta marble on the floor shows off spectacular veining, which emulates a swirling brook. The walls are covered with micro-mosaic marble tiles, which shimmer "almost like diamonds" when wet, Georgio says.

Separate baths are the key to marital harmony, some sages suggest. With its perfect balance of private spaces and shared indulgence, this design could be the path to wedded bliss.

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