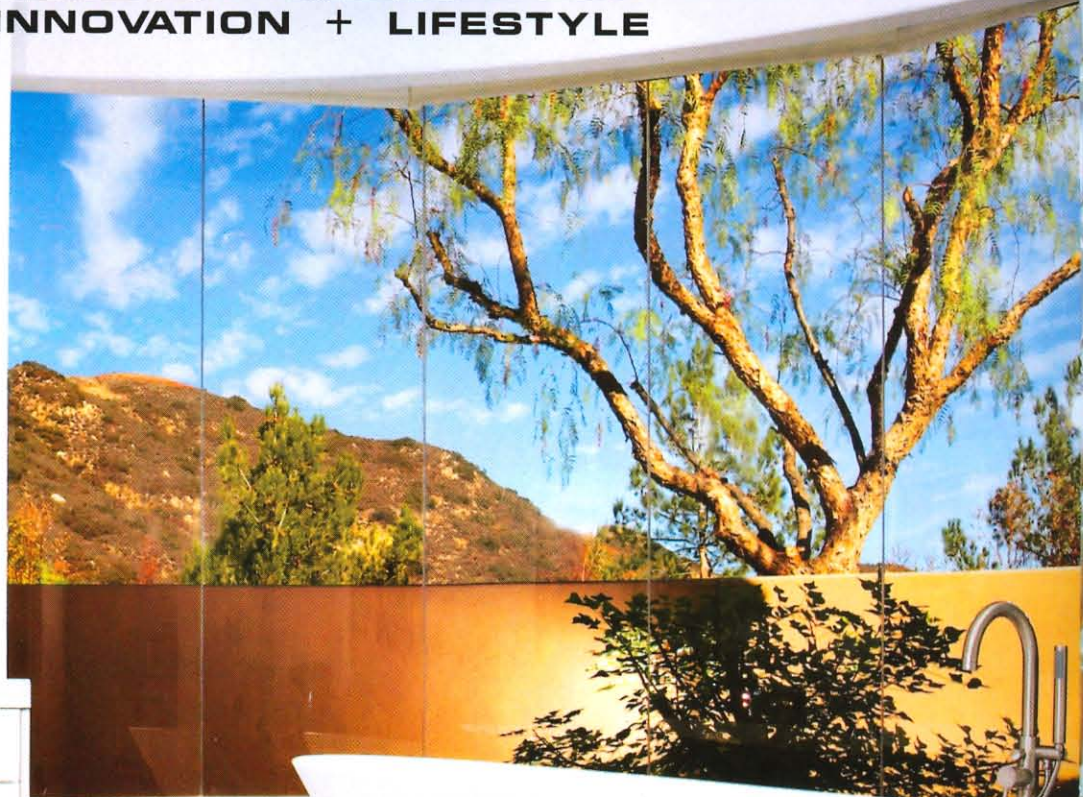


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White Canvas

A clean, contemporary master bath becomes the backdrop for an ever-evolving art collection

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For a couple who have spent most of their lives traveling the world together, living among and experiencing many different cultures, the idea of planting themselves into one home for the remainder of their years can be a bit unnerving. But this Murrieta, CA, couple found a way to stay in one place while incorporating the adventures and memories that have shaped their lives into the everyday. Their entire home, right down to their master bathroom, is a backdrop for the revolving collection of art and artifacts they've gathered along their travels.

Thanks to Jennifer Jones, president of DreamMaker Bath & Kitchen in Fallbrook and Murrieta, CA, their bath has become a contemporary canvas ideal for a constantly changing art collection. "They came to me because they both had distinctive ideas of what they wanted, but they needed help blending them into a look they would both be happy with," Jones said. "They're a very cutting-edge, older couple with a highly sophisticated eye for design. Their experiences have given them a unique style and opened their eyes to more unusual ideas."

The culmination of Jones' design is a sleek, minimalist space that's at once dramatic and understated. The individual elements blend together seamlessly so that the artwork is the true center of attention. Once dripping in pink, with little pink tiles and flowers everywhere, the bathroom is now a tastefully simple, neutral space that is bathed in natural light. Jones noted, "Knowing that they would be constantly refreshing the art with everything from tribal pieces and classic French paintings to sculpture and personal creations by the wife herself, neutrality was key."

Although the bathroom adopts a soft, white palette, Jones added a flat gray to avoid creating too stark and sterile a feeling in the space. Gray grout complements the basic white porcelain floor tile, and in the open shower, a textured gray stone floor elegantly contrasts the clear glass block and white Corian walls. For the countertop and backsplash, Jones selected white marble with gray veining whose tonal nuances further enrich the palette. In addition, all hardware finishes are a subtle brushed nickel, which blends well with the natural whites and grays.

A spacious vanity area features a host of door and drawer combinations for ample storage, dual vessel sinks with sleek wall-mounted faucets and a seating area ideal for makeup application. The European-style frameless cabinets sport a sleek, glossy finish, adding more texture to the space. Purchased by the couple in France, the vanity mirrors have built-in lighting, which further streamlines the area. Jones also kept lighting in the remainder of the bathroom simple to enhance the overall minimalism.

Following the artistic theme of the room, Jones included a freestanding bathtub whose distinctive shape lends it a sculptural quality. The deep, ergonomically designed soaking tub has the look and feel of natural stone in a warm matte-white finish and is angled to make it as beautiful to behold as it is sumptuous to recline in. A floor-mounted, minimalist pillar-design tub filler adds to the contemporary feel. The bathtub sits prominently in the oversized, arched window, which fills the entire room with gleaming sunlight. So that privacy is never a problem, a rounded moulding around the top of the window conceals a remote-controlled shading system.

Because the retired couple plans to remain in their home for quite a long time, Jones needed to ensure that the elements she included not only embody a timeless appeal, but also promote safety and mobility as the homeowners grow older. To this end, Jones opted for floor tiles with a matte finish to prevent slipping and raised the countertops for less bending and stooping. In the water closet, a toekick with built-in lighting helps brighten the path to the toilet at night.

"The owners were thrilled with the end result because it was the culmination of a really great collaborative effort among all three of us," said Jones. "They were pleased with how the final design gave them a clean palette with subtle texture...the perfect space for adding their own personalized touches and changing them up whenever they feel inspired." ■

SOURCES

Designer: Jennifer Jones—DreamMaker Bath & Kitchen, Fallbrook and Murrieta, CA; www.dreammakerremodel.com **Manufacturers:** Faucets: KWC; Sinks: Ronbow; Shower walls: DuPont; Shower floor: Solistone; Cabinetry: KraffMaid; Toilet: TOTO USA; Tub: Jason; Tub filler: Graff; Rainshower: KWC; Window shades: Lutron **Photography:** Courtesy of DreamMaker Bath & Kitchen



The bathroom's minimalist interior is kept light with neutral colors and materials, including white Corian walls and textured gray stone in the shower (above left); white porcelain tile with gray grout and gray walls throughout (above); and white marble with gray veining in the vanity area (left). A freestanding tub resembling a piece of sculpture is situated in front of a large, arched window (below).



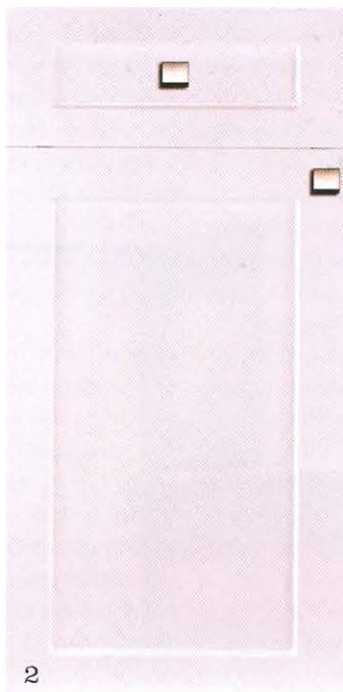
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1 This rectangular vessel-style lavatory sink from **Ronbow** adds sophisticated, modern style to any bath. Rounded corners and a sleek white finish make this ceramic sink a piece of art for the vanity. Dimensions are 21³/₄ in. x 15¹/₄ in. x 5⁷/₈ in. **Circle No. 238**

2 For the vanity area, Jones selected Venicia cabinets by **KraftMaid** in the Capri door style with a blanco gloss finish. The units feature a flat door and drawer design with crisp contemporary edges, full-access frameless construction and a 120-degree extra-wide door opening. **Circle No. 239**

3 Behind the contemporary design of **KWC**'s wall-mounted lavatory faucet lies an outstanding level of performance. The wall-mount configuration means clean lines and a soft look. From the Vesuno collection, the solid stainless-steel faucet features a single-lever handle with single-plane control movement, a stainless-steel mounting bracket and a 9-in. spout. **Circle No. 240**

4 A freestanding sculptural form, the **Jason** Carrera Collection bathtub is artwork for the bathroom. Ergonomically designed for a deep soaking experience, it's strong and warm, sophisticated and welcoming, with the look and feel of natural stone. Shown in a matte-white finish, the tub is available with or without overflow. **Circle No. 241**

5 From the Perfeque collection, this bathtub faucet from **Graff** enhances any modern bath decor. The freestanding pillar faucet design measures 44 in. tall and features a single lever handle and a streamlined handheld spray. Shown in brushed nickel, the faucet is also available in chrome finish. **Circle No. 242**

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