



STONE-COLD CHIC

"Once we found the stone, we had the entire design of the master bathroom," designer **David Desmond** (daviddesmond.com) says of the Arabascatto marble he chose for a Beverly Hills bathroom. Shot through with dramatic gray streaks—"it's like lightning," he says—and installed in large slabs, the stone provides the space's pattern, interest and color, and creates an Italian feel. To up the ante on elegance, he bookmatched the marble slabs on the floor and had the top moldings carved, lending a finished look. For the tub, "we looked really hard because we didn't want something that stood on legs," he says. The solution is a modern Victoria + Albert tub that reads as a piece of sculpture, as does the freestanding tub filler, placed in the center so two people can comfortably use it at once. Above, Desmond designed a cornice replete with leaves and flowers, and hung a chandelier from Ferro. While it has delicate rock crystal drops, the effect "isn't overly feminine," notes the designer, as befits a room shared by the husband and the wife. When the steel french doors are open, "it feels like you're in nature," he says.

DESIGN DETAILS Marble at Marble Unlimited, 14554 Keswick St., Van Nuys, 323.873.4243, marbleunlimitedinc.com; chandelier at Ferro, 7912 Melrose Ave., L.A., 323.651.3107, ferroshowroom.com; tub at Victoria + Albert, 800.421.7189, vandabaths.com; tub filler at Universal Appliance, 877.696.2982, uakc.com; doors at Torrance Steel Window Company, 866.776.7563, torrancesteelwindow.com; ceiling moldings at JP Weaver Co., 818.500.1740, jpweaver.com.

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What are some of your favorite tips for creating the perfect bathroom?

"Light and fresh is great, but I always like to bring in some darker contrast. If your flooring and walls are light, find places to bring in some darker finishes. An espresso vanity, black plumbing fixtures or an accent tile in the shower are ways to add depth and layers of interest. Add some drama and a finished look by finding locations to bring your shower tile, backsplash tile or wall tile all the way to the ceiling. One of my trademarks is a full wall of tile above your vanity counter. Don't just run your tile six inches above the counter; take it all the way up. A little extra cost will go a long way."

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GOLD RUSH

"My goal in the master bathroom was to make it as sleek and as elegant as the architecture," says designer **Mark Nichols** (marknicholsinteriors.com). For the space in Palm Springs, he chose polished expanses of Calacatta Gold marble on most surfaces. Glass tile from Ann Sacks with a rippling pattern provides a moment of softness. The Victoria + Albert soaking tub was a no-brainer. "The window faces southwest, so it's an incredible place to watch the sun travel across the mountains," he says.

DESIGN DETAILS Marble at Stone Source, 5429 McConnell Ave., L.A., 213.880.1155, stonesource.com; glass tiles at Ann Sacks, 800.278.8453, annsacks.com; soaking tub at Victoria + Albert, 800.421.7189, vandabaths.com; sinks and fixtures at Lacava, lacava.com; hardware at Schwinn, us.schwinn-group.com.

Ahead of the Curve

Inspired by the unique spiral form of the Cayan Tower in Dubai, the architectural, four-hole **Turn by Rohl Jörger** deck tub filler brings power and grace into the modern bath, creating an elegantly styled helix.



DESIGN DETAILS From \$5,732, at Belmont Hardware, 940 El Camino Real, Belmont, 650.591.0345, rohljorger.com

Mood Ring

This spring, Graff's **Ametis Shower System** won the coveted 2013-14 Golden A'Design Award. The brass and stainless steel shower integrates a chromotherapy system with LED lighting within the shower ring, creating a halo effect. A controller allows users to set the mood: green for healing, yellow for optimism, blue for peace and red for motivation. *From \$20,100, International Bath and Tile, 7177 Convoy Court, San Diego, 858.268.3723, ibtsdiego.com*





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