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A Golden Glow

BUILDER-GRADE, PLAIN white, lacking bathing features, and low on both storage and style, this master bathroom elicited a resounding blah. The homeowners desired a retreat that would envelop them in warmth and relaxation at the start and end of each day, and they hired Carolyn B. Thomas of Jennifer Gilmer K&B Ltd. to make that vision a reality.

The owners have impeccable taste, so Thomas' goal was to incorporate a host of bath features into an aesthetic that would reflect their elegant standard of living. She started by adding a large spa-worthy shower with a bench, a steam element, body sprays, a stationary showerhead, and a handheld spray. A sculptural freestanding tub is paired with a freestanding tub filler, creating a beautiful focal point. Drawing the eye in even more is the tile accent's waterfall effect that appears to pour down to the tub.

Golden-toned tiles wash the walls from floor to ceiling for an overall warm feel, and cove lighting in the drop ceiling create the illusion of natural light shining down. Contrasting but complementary gray tiles ground the design. Heated flooring and a TV screen concealed in the medicine cabinet complete this now glowing master bathroom. «

SPECIAL FEATURES

Floor-to-ceiling warm-toned square tile that gives a glowing aesthetic, oversize freestanding tub with freestanding fixture, accent tile in a waterfall design behind the bathtub and in the shower

DIMENSIONS

13'7" x 11'6"

PRODUCTS USED

Cabinetry: Greenfield Cabinetry

Flooring: Slate-toned 12x24 tiles

Vanity Tops: Marble

Medicine Cabinet:

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Tub: Freestanding style

Tub Fixture: Bain Ultra

Shower Fixtures: Spa-style shower with steam, body sprays, stationary showerhead, and handheld spray

Shower Tile: Warm-toned 12x24 tile with decorative waterfall tile accent of a glass mosaic

Lighting: Mix of recessed and cove lighting in the ceiling, sconces at vanity

Wallcovering: Warm-toned 12x24 tile with decorative waterfall tile accent behind bathtub

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BATHING *Beauties*

FREESTANDING TUBS DRENCHED IN STYLE APPEAL TO ALL THE SENSES, MAKING THEM THE MUST-HAVE AMENITY FOR A TRULY SPA-WORTHY SPACE.

BY ALY J. YALE AND ALISON RICH



ROOM TO RELAX // Adding sophisticated style to a small bathroom may seem like a challenge, but Victoria + Albert has made it easy with the ionian tub. The perfect design centerpiece for smaller spaces, the ionian has a compact footprint that consumes little floor space, while its generous interior dimensions and gentle angles allow for a fabulous soaking experience. Crafted from a special limestone resin, the ionian is cast in one seamless piece, so it won't crack or bend over time. As an added bonus, every ionian tub is hand-finished, giving the tub a sleek, glossy surface that's strong, durable, and incredibly easy to clean. Victoria + Albert, www.vandabaths.com.



SIT BACK, RELAX // Inspired by Japanese ceramic tableware, the Kohler Escale bathtub delivers a simplistic yet modern look that adds flair to any contemporary space. But unlike most modern pieces, the Escale doesn't sacrifice comfort for its bold look. With a built-in lumbar support, generous 6-foot length, and gently sloping sides, kicking back after a long day's work is easy in this spacious piece. Plus, its white, biscuit, and almond finishing options make coordinating with existing hardware a breeze. Matching toilets, vessel sinks, and pedestal sinks are also available from the Escale collection for a more cohesive design. Kohler, www.kohler.com.

SLEEK SIMPLICITY // A true statement piece, the Cascara tub from MTI Baths really packs a punch with its bold yet sleek, sculptural design. At first glance, the Cascara seems carved from solid stone, but that is just MTI's special Engineered Solid Stone at work. The Cascara is actually constructed from high-performance, eco-friendly resins that deliver form, function, and flexibility. With a range of comforting options, including 20 air jets and a heated air blower, this tub offers a truly blissful experience for any bather. The Cascara comes in white or biscuit with a matte or high-gloss finish, and coordinating tub trays, tables, and faucet stands ensure the space is cohesive from top to bottom. MTI Baths, www.mtibaths.com.





KICK BACK IN A CLASSIC // Classic architecture meets modern design in Victoria + Albert's latest release, the Worcester. Modeled after the famed architecture of the Worcester Cathedral in England, this freestanding roll-top bath offers a unique blend of both modern and traditional design. With a sleek profile and a clean-yet-classic aesthetic, the Worcester melds well with any existing palette or design scheme. But it's not all looks with this stunning centerpiece. Made from a special limestone resin and finished by hand, this tub is as durable as it is dreamy. Plus, at an impressive 70 inches long, the Worcester tub offers plenty of room to relax—even two can fit in this beauty. Victoria + Albert, www.vandabaths.com.

SHINE ON // Simple yet stunning, the Minato Brushed Stainless Steel Japanese Soaking Tub features a smooth oval design, deep interior, and two convenient integral seats. At 60 inches long, the Minato is completely handmade, making each and every piece 100-percent unique. Pair with a tall freestanding tub filler to complete your in-home spa, or place on the floor for a compact, minimalistic centerpiece that's sure to get people talking. Either way, you've lucked out with a tub like this. Signature Hardware, www.signaturehardware.com.





BYE-BYE, BORING BATHS // For those days when you're longing to escape life's harried pace and say *arrivederci* to your obligations, Jacuzzi Luxury Bath's Avvio Solid Surface Freestanding Bath Collection is at your service. Offering three durable designs in white gloss, white matte, or gloss/matte combinations—namely, the Verona, the Torino, and the Urbino—this Italian-inspired assemblage of soaking tubs offers the perfect opportunity for respite and repose. Gently sloping walls cut a spa-like figure while supplying supreme lumbar support—an instant pick-me-up for those tight and tired muscles. Jacuzzi Luxury Bath, www.jacuzziluxurybath.com.

COMPACT COMFORT // With a sleek, minimalistic look and an amazingly compact design, MTI Bath's Halo tub offers comfort, visual impact, and versatility all in one. Its relatively small footprint makes it the ideal choice for small spaces, and its 20 air jets, heated blower, and waterproof remote control give bathers all the options they need. Halo tubs are available in classic white or biscuit with an optional gloss finish, and a floor-mounted tub filler in chrome or brushed nickel can add visual interest. Though its striking aesthetic and unparalleled comfort are paramount, the Halo also offers something for the environmentally conscious: It's made largely from organic, bio-derived, and recycled materials. MTI Baths, www.mtibaths.com.





SIGNATURE BATHS

Today's best bathrooms are no longer a mere necessity. With improved arrangements, luxe surfaces, spa-worthy tubs and showers, and specialized amenities and accessories, they are an absolute indulgence.



Nature Retreat

TIRED OF THEIR cramped master bath, this Connecticut couple wanted more room, an enlarged shower, a bathtub, and a natural aesthetic. With 40 square feet added from an adjacent closet, the stage was set for Rachel Peterson of Simply Baths to transform the space.

Peterson added a large picture window that offers nature views from just about anywhere in the bathroom, even the shower. The two-person shower features body sprays, a ceiling-mounted rain head, and a hand-held showerhead. Curb-free and open, the shower's pebble floor winds out to encompass the tub. Radiant floor heat extends all the way into the shower, heating the shower seat as well—a necessary amenity for a large open shower during New England winters. The freestanding Limestone composite tub is semirecessed into a deck, which extends into the shower for the seat. Freestanding tubs are typically difficult to clean behind. Partially setting this tub in a deck eliminated that problem and preserved its sculptural beauty.

On the other end of the room, the toilet and a linen closet are hidden behind a frosted-glass pocket door. His-and-her vanities on opposite walls feature pullout hampers and semirecessed Honey Onyx vessel sinks. Outfitted with nature-inspired beauty and luxury comforts, this bathroom is now a relaxing retreat. «

SPECIAL FEATURES

Two-person shower with curb-free design and heated seat, composite volcano limestone freestanding tub, radiant heat

DIMENSIONS

20'4" x 7'9"

PRODUCTS USED

Cabinetry: Dura Supreme Arcadia Maple Allspice
Flooring: Ferazzoli Ron in Driftwood Silver
Vanity Tops: Onice Shadow Onyx
Sink(s): Dreamline Honey Onyx vessels
Faucet(s): Brizo Virage
Tub: Victoria & Albert Napoli
Tub Deck: Onice Shadow Onyx
Shower Floor: Island Stone Random Series tile in White Quartz
Shower Fixture: Kohler WaterTiles body sprays
Toilet: Porcher Veneto
Lighting: Progress Lighting Lahara
Wallcovering: Ferazzoli Nova Bell tile in Storm Hail with an accent of Antico Onyx in both chiseled and brushed finishes
Hardware: Brizo Virage
Mirrors: Dura Supreme Arcadia Maple Allspice
Heated Floors: WarmUp radiant heat

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