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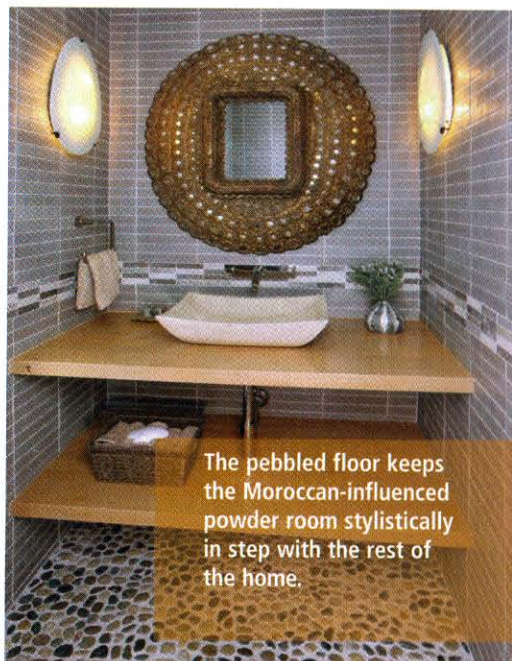
Royal blue, taupe and turquoise stones embedded in the child's bathroom floor reinforce the ocean feel.

[Kid Corner] *Keeping a child's bathroom functional*

The child's bathroom in this home is so sophisticated that it's easy to forget a child is the primary user, but it maintains just enough of a whimsical quality that it feels comfortable for the little girl who uses it. The key, Sarah says, is to avoid themes when designing for kids.

"That's a common trap that parents fall into because kids request themes," Sarah says. Instead of themes, let the children contribute a special item to the bathroom after the adults have already selected the décor, she suggests.

"Make sure the bones of the space are palatable to everyone in the house, and then layer on the kids' preferences after the fact," Sarah says. "For a bathroom specifically, if the child wants a Dora the Explorer theme, I'd design the bathroom and then add a Dora area rug so it can be taken away as the child grows without consequence to the space."



The pebbled floor keeps the Moroccan-influenced powder room stylistically in step with the rest of the home.

BATHROOMS NEED NOT MATCH

A mistake that many homeowners make is to keep a specific color scheme and design palette from one bathroom to the next, but that isn't necessary. In this home, a Moroccan-influenced powder room stands alone from a relaxing cream-colored guest bath and the ocean-like child's bath, which features organic glass flooring and an oval-shaped soaking tub.

"This home belongs to a mother and her young daughter, so the mom anticipated that the child's bath would also be her bath for the first few years since she'll be in there with her daughter a lot," Sarah says. "So the child's bath, albeit for a 4-year-old, was really rather sophisticated because the mom will be using it for herself."

The guest bathroom features a floating sink, which was an innovative way to maximize a very small area. "Keeping the vanity off the floor gives the illusion of a little more space," Sarah says.

A stone floor meets tiled walls in the powder room—a design mix that many homeowners might be nervous about making, but shouldn't be, Sarah says. "I understand many people are afraid to take risks like mixing textures," Sarah says. "If someone is cautious about making brave design decisions, a powder bath is the best place to go crazy because not only can you afford more expensive materials since you need less of them, but also if you want to make a dynamic statement that will resonate with the guests, you're sure the powder room is someplace that every guest will visit and it's not a place anyone stays for any length of time."

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Fantastic Function

HOW TO DESIGN A MASTER BATH TO INDULGE YOUR GOLDEN YEARS.

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The long rubber-backed rug adds a pop of color while creating a slip-free environment.

JUST AS DARK CHOCOLATE IS SENSUOUS AND SALUTARY, YOUR MASTER BATH CAN BE BOTH FANTASTIC AND FUNCTIONAL—now and for decades to come. With wide walkways and various grips along the walls, this bathroom is perfect for a couple embracing a new stage of life: the age of grandchildren.



Warm wood leads into the cool colors of the master bath, which give it a serene atmosphere. A Palladian window creates a stunning focal point.

[Checklist] *For an Age-in-Place Bathroom*

- **Changeable décor:** Most bathroom décor is meant to be permanent: tile, lighting, and fixtures. But a rubber-backed bathmat or rug can be a vibrant, versatile focal point.
- **A wide walkway:** A wheelchair-friendly floor plan ensures ease into the golden years.
- **Mirrors:** Bathroom mirrors are naturally upstaged by the reflected image, so choose elegant oval mirrors that are lovely but not distracting.
- **Tile:** Inexpensive tiles are just as effective as expensive ones. Save your wallet and switch out dreams of marble with porcelain and ceramic, since any material can look illustrious when arranged well.
- **Linen cabinet:** A tall, thin linen cabinet takes up very little floor space and adds maximum storage, Knight notes. She added not one, but two to the master bath.
- **Shaving shelf:** Covered in the same polished tile as the walls, this shelf juts out of the shower's corner at the perfect height for a leg up. It adds comfort, ease and safety by steadying you as you shave. Either built in or added on, it is an inexpensive addition.



Two sinks sit on each side of the room, which gives both occupants their own workspace and toiletry storage. A linen cabinet tucked into the corner provides even more storage space.

Double-Duty, page 78

Paint color: Silver Strand by Sherwin Williams, sherwin-williams.com; Backsplash tile: Icy White 3 x 6 inches, Mapei Sahara Beige Grout by Contempo, contempotile.com; Island: Original antique dowry from Euro Treasures, eurotreasuresantiques.com; Island countertop: Soapstone through MGS, mgsbydesign.com; Perimeter countertop: Carrera marble through MGS, mgsbydesign.com; Lighting, barstools, bar bench, art, knobs, golden fish: Alice Lane Home, alicelanehome.com; Pulls: Martha Stewart, homedepot.com; Shelf brackets: Van Dyke's Restorers, vandykes.com; White dishes: Stakk through Macys, macys.com; Aqua seeded glass tumblers: Tag, taghomedecor.com; Fabric on bench: Fabricut, fabricut.com; Pantry door hardware: Furnace Brook Iron Works, furnacebrookironworks.com.

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Contractor: Bobby Dickerson, (404) 846-2844 or (404) 846-2844; Architect: Keith Summerour, summerour.net; Walls: Benjamin Moore China White No. 4, benjaminmoore.com; Armchair: Holland & Co., hollandandcompany.com; Stool upholstery: Perennials, Hopsack in Blanca No. 965-28, grizzellandmann.com; Curtains: Silk Trading Company, silktrading.com; Tub and faucet: Waterworks, waterworks.com; Silver garden stools: Clubcu, clubcu.com; Floor tiling: Materials

Marketing, mstoneandtile.com; Windows: Barry Bearden, (404) 863-7119; Vanity: Custom; Sink: Kohler, kohler.com; Sconces: Interior Philosophy, interiorphilosophy.com; Mirror: Linda Horn, lindahorn.com; Art next to built-in shelves: Jackson Fine Art, jacksonfineart.com.

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Toilet: Toto, totousa.com; Oval mirror: Afina, afinacorporation.com; Tile: Ann Sacks, annsacks.com; Master bathroom vanity: Showplace Cabinetry, showplacewood.com.

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Tub: York 69 x 31.5 white SP-VYORKSWWH by Victoria & Albert, vandabaths.com/usa; Toilet: MB130978 in white by Mirabelle, mirabelleproducts.com; Sinks: Under-counter MIRU1512 by Mirabelle, mirabelleproducts.com; Sink and tub faucets: Bridgeford brushed nickel by Grohe, grohe.com/us; Shower fixtures: Relaxa Rustic 5-inch and Geneva temperature wall-mounted fixture nickel by Grohe, grohe.com/us; Stone: 12 x 12 honed white marble and 4 x 8-inch white polished marble; ¾ x 12-inch dome liner above and below glass border; 1¾ x 12-inch crown above and below glass border; ice with glass mosaic polished 12 x 12 on shower

floor; A Step in Stone, astepinestone.com; Quartzsite "Super White" shower sill and niches in shower and shower ledge; Calcutta White Marble 1 ¼-inch for vanities, backsplash and window sill; Stone Tech, dupont.com; Mirrors: Chatham oval swivel mirrors 36 x 21 (23170025 SNCK) and finial mirror (23080115), Restoration Hardware, restorationhardware.com; Lights: Sconce 9651-BN-50 brushed nickel with Shiny Opal glass by Norwell Astor; Rug: Handloomed wool 24 x 95 from The Blue Raccoon, Lambertville, NJ; blueraccoon.com; Wood floor: Monocoat, monocoat.us.

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Photography Design: photographicdesignltd.com; Rossi Construction: (262) 646-4641; Rosemary Green Wall Paint 2029-30: Benjamin Moore, benjaminmoore.com; Glass Bowl Sink ZA100: Legion Furniture, legionfurniture.com; Sconces Disco'd: Bellacor, bellacor.com; 32-inch Contempo Collection Vanity, Minerva in Dark Cherry (H01) with Glass Top: Ronbow, ronbow.com; Kenzo Single Handle Vessel Faucet: Pfister, pfisterfaucets.com; Mirror: Restoration Hardware restorationhardware.com; Persuade Two-Piece Elongated Toilet K-3654: Kohler, kohler.com; Paragon Glass Collection Colored Tiles in Cobalt and Green: Country Floors, countryfloors.com.

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