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ONCE AGAIN, NKBA'S ANNUAL DESIGN COMPETITION DREW THE KITCHEN AND BATH INDUSTRY'S MOST INSPIRED AND TALENTED MEMBER DESIGNERS, BUILDERS, AND REMODELERS.

This year's participants continued the tradition of bringing excellent examples of fine kitchen and bath design to the NKBA Annual Design Competition. The winners' entries displayed outstanding aesthetics, well-conceived functionality, and thoughtful consideration to design within the constraints of the size, space, and budget of their client's project. The 2019 award winners showcased the latest trends, elements that never go out of style, and inspired design.

The following pages highlight the 2019 award winners in the bath category.  
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**FIRST PLACE / LARGE LUXURY BATH**





**Sandra Diaz-Velasco, RA, AIA, ASID**  
EOLO Design, EOLO A&I Design, Miami  
Photography: Eugenio Wilman,  
Emotion Works

### Sculptural Elegance

As part of the whole-house renovation of a traditional two-story home, the client wanted the master bath and closet suite to provide a luxurious retreat with dramatic flair, while also continuing the natural flow of interior space. To that end, designer Sandra Diaz-Velasco created a wood-paneled entrance to connect the master suite with the rest of the home.

By managing aspects of volume, geometry, and light, Diaz-Velasco was able to both improve the layout and amplify the mood. The space adeptly melds elegance and function, with clean lines and chic natural materials, such as gray marble and onyx walls and stone flooring. Creative manipulation of ceiling volumes enhances the sense of vertical space, while elegant yet playful light fixtures add whimsy.

Along with the whirlpool spa and bathtub, the custom shower enclosure is integrated into an open area to make the master bath feel more spacious. But it's the sculptural form of the freestanding Juliet tub from MTI that's the centerpiece, drawing guests into the room.

—Kate Carsella

**Tub/whirlpool:** MTI; **cabinetry:** custom; **faucets/fittings:** Graff; **flooring:** Naturali Stone; **lighting:** Axo Light, Hudson Valley Lighting; **shower enclosure:** custom; **sinks:** Alape; **spa/hot tub/sauna:** Duravit, Jacuzzi; **tile:** Porcelanosa; **toilet:** Kohler; **walls/ceiling:** Naturali Stone