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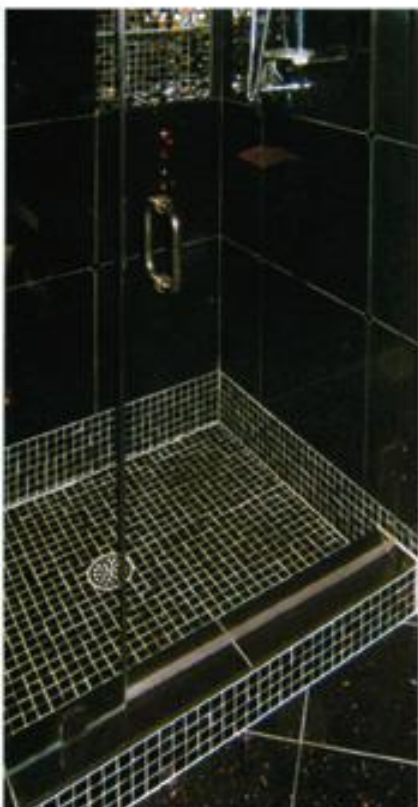
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Ceiling detail: 12" X 12" copper treadplate tiles run on the diagonal with halogen high hats installed in the ceiling

Enlightened Ideas for Baths

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Trends in Today's Bath Design

- Mixing materials
- Glass countertops
- Vessel sinks
- Hand painted tiles

another room in the house to create additional bath space. But sometimes that just isn't possible. Not every person has a 10,000 square foot home with lots of square footage in the bathrooms. Plenty of designers love to think bigger is better. The notion of space — to have bathrooms with double — even triple vanities, a separate water closet room, steam room and the piece-de-resistance — a double shower area with multiple jets — is a dream not only for the designer but also for the homeowner.

But (and this is a BIG but) if there are space constraints, do we let

The kitchen and bath industry is moving faster than ever. Change is good! In this cyber age with all the stress in everyday life, the home has become our refuge. People look forward to relaxing and indulging in the privacy of their own surroundings. Which room in the house is the ultimate harbor? The master bath. According to the American Standard Bathroom Habits Survey, American consumers revealed that they would spend between \$2,500 — \$7,500 to remodel and decorate their bathrooms based on products only. And, 30 percent indicated they would be willing to spend more than \$10,000-plus to convert their space into a relaxing sanctuary. Bathroom remodels add value to your home and can generate up to a 90 percent return on your investment.

Spacious master bathrooms are common in new construction. Designers are having loads of fun with baths today because you can really bring out the personality of the client in this space. By studying what's out there, you can seek new and innovative products. Designers have no excuses. There are a plethora of options — thanks to all the unique products on the market. All of this stuff makes our jobs easier and permits us to do what we do best — be really creative and think out of the box. In some remodeling projects, space may be taken from

our clients hang onto only pipedreams that some day they might indulge in opulence? Absolutely not! Just do it. Even in a small space, indulgence is most definitely possible. A specialty in my design work has been about creating an in-home spa for just about anyone — in just about any sized space. It goes back to thinking outside the box — except this time it's about a box! My mantra: you don't need to have a large space to create a beautiful space. You can have a typical 5'-0" x 7'-0" space and create a spa. And even if a space is a pinch large at 7x8, that means you can have an even larger vanity and/or pedestal sink made of stone or glass.

The tools needed are: color, light, texture, pattern, form and shape.

For example, you can design with luxury in mind for a 35 square foot space, with a standard tub/shower combination; a sink in a 24" cabinet and a toilet. What could possibly be done with such a small space, you ask? Plenty! For instance, there is a whirlpool tub that is 30" x 60" x 19" which will fit right into a 5'-0" wide area. The inside of the tub contours right to the body making it exceptionally comfortable. This can then be combined with a shower that



ELEMENTS

- Amber Glass vessel sink measuring 18" in diameter sits 6" high
- Wall Mounted Chrome Faucet
- Murano Glass Sconces
- Painted Amber Mirror
- Rain Showerhead with a hand held shower with a 24" high slidebar in Chrome
- Niche for Soap and Shampoo in shower area. Material is 1" X 1" mosaic glass tiles

Bath Rundown

- Bathroom measures 8'0" X 7'0"
- 18" X 18" Black galaxy granite on the diagonal. 18" X 18" Black absolute granite on the walls running on the straight with a 1" X 1" mosaic glass insert between each 18 X 18 tile on the wall.
- Shower floor and base boards are all 1" X 1" mosaic glass tiles.
- There are 6" X 6" glass blocks measuring 6" Wide X 36" High. An added accent in the shower on an outside wall, it provides light as well as a design element.
- Amber glass vessel sink sits on a 3" thick, chiseled granite slab on top of a 30" high wrought iron bench.

can have multiple showerheads (i.e., a showerhead and a hand held shower).

On a seven foot run, here are a few options:

Just the Facts

- Not everyone has a 12'-0" X 15'-0" bathroom.
- Not everyone can have a steam shower.
- Everyone can get a sumptuous bath in a small space simply by using the beautiful tiles on the market today (with good pricing too).
- Designers can work with a homeowner who has a \$5,000 budget based on product only and create something that is just as beautiful as a \$20,000 budget. You just have to know what you're doing!
- Even if you don't have the amount of space desired, you often can steal space from a closet.

You can use a sculptured pedestal base with a vessel sink with a wall mounted faucet and a sculptured mirror over the vessel sink with approximately 24" of width. The water closet next to it on the seven foot run should be within a width of at least 30" of space.

Faucets can be the focal point of your bath. It's where the eye goes first. Choose faucets as you would a diamond ring. Let your homeowner's personality and taste come through with the choice in faucetry.

As for the coverings on the walls, floors and front of the tub — it's endless. With

"I believe in creating interiors that reflect a total look, full of character and personal style. It's important to design an environment that will work in harmony with a client's lifestyle, not just today, but for years to come."

all the marbles, granites, metal, porcelain tiles and glass tiles that are out on the market, a bath designer can have a wonderful time designing a well-appointed bathroom in a small space. Bear in mind, proportions and scale are innately important in designing bathrooms especially in tile design. Proportions can make or break the room.

Sometimes we see something that is well designed and say it works, even if we can't identify why. Good design goes beyond being pretty. Good design will please even an indiscriminating eye.

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