

Form and function—long-standing buzz words of the design world. Whether you are having a bathroom remodeled or starting from the ground up, your professional designer will consider both *form* and *function* to meet your needs and vision.

Your needs may require increased and updated storage with new cabinetry, medicine cabinets and closets. The *Accessory Portfolio* will whet your appetite for all that's new in luxury amenities, storage solutions, and innovative cabinetry hardware.

For your new master bath you may be considering the popular separate tub and shower. The *Shower and Tub Portfolio* will take you to the hottest wet zones of the year.

Shower Yourself with Luxury in Your Bath will have you planning for your spa-like shower system. Bill Feinberg of Allied Kitchen & Bath takes the guesswork out of the latest shower technology as he provides a comprehensive and cohesive look at luxury shower systems.



Your vision will likely feature the master suite of your dreams. You will find *En Suite Dreams* a destination meant for you—a wish list all about pampering. Our friends from the north, the mother-daughter design team of Tereza and Leigh Ann Hello of The Cabinet Studio (Canada) Inc. will have you walking through your morning and evening routines, planning your suite around your lifestyle and habits, choosing features that best suit your needs.

Planning a bathroom of any size will include the vanity. Our *Vanity Portfolio* will show you the way, from guest baths to master retreats, with single and double vanities in today's latest styles.

With creative design and quality products the powder room can become the jewel box of your home. This is where you can choose to include a really beautiful basin, high-end faucets and stunning surfaces. The bathroom that pampers guests is the perfect place to reflect your luxurious taste and style. Select high-end fixtures and exciting faucets from our *Fixture and Faucet Portfolio*. Both form and function will greet you with so many looks and features to choose from.

And when it comes to bathroom design, Don Boico of Classic Kitchens and Baths knows that what's on the surface really is as important as cabinets and fixtures. See *Top to Bottom* for your countertop, shower wall and flooring selections.

We've saved the best for last—our *Professionally Designed Luxury Baths* collection, submitted by some of the nation's best professional designers. We've increased this section in this year's issue and hope that you will find the various styles and products helpful as you plan your home's designer baths.

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A grand soaking tub is so inviting.
Design by Tereza Hello, The Cabinet Studio (Canada), Inc.



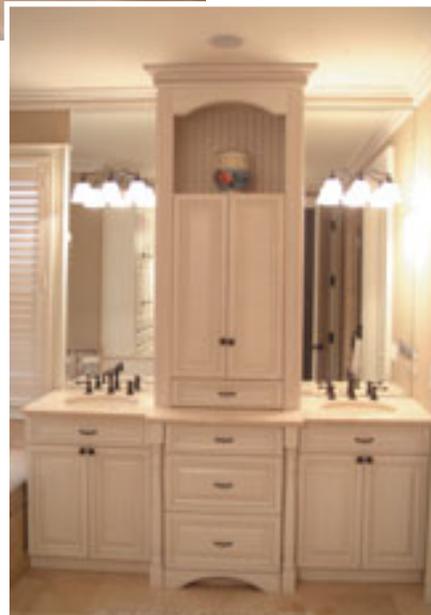
▲ *This bright and heavenly sanctuary is every woman's dream. His and hers basins are separated by a tall tailored cabinet. A seated vanity with illuminated mirror and separate drawers organizes any pampering necessities. Design by Tereza Hello, The Cabinet Studio (Canada), Inc. ►*

Imagine a world where your senses are gently awakened in the morning by the robust aroma of your coffee already brewed, sitting waiting for you just footsteps away. You gently roll out of bed and calmly walk across the plush carpeted floor of your master bedroom over to your private beverage center and sip on your favorite cup of java. While listening to the soothing sounds of music playing in the background you make your way into the en suite. You notice the floor is nice and warm under your feet and you are ready for your shower to wake you up for the day. When you have finished peacefully pampering yourself in your en suite you quietly make your way to your spacious and well-organized walk-in closet and sit on the cushioned seat while you decide which outfit and shoes to

choose for the day. You take one last look in the mirror to see yourself all put together and completely composed, then you step out of your room and are ready to face the world. All of these luxuries promote a relaxed atmosphere and help you get your day started on the right foot. To most of us this sounds like a fairytale and far from our

organize your daily routines. Take a moment to savor this thought, if you save just 15 minutes in the morning each day by not having to run in circles you could add two full work-weeks back to your personal schedule each year.

How do you decide what elements to include in your luxurious master suite? The most straightforward way to organize your thoughts around this is to mentally go through your day to determine what you would require to make life easier, and more pleasant. For most of us our snooze button is our best friend in the morning. Starting our day before we make our way into the kitchen for our first cup of coffee is nearly impossible. Having a mini beverage center in your master bedroom helps eliminate this problem. If you program your coffee percolator to start before you wake up, you could gently awaken by the aroma of coffee rather than the buzzing of your alarm. Also, having this convenience waiting for you so close in proximity will motivate you to not squander those first moments away in bed.



▼ *Water Tile™ from Kohler.*



current morning rituals of the day-to-day hustle and bustle.

Although all of the above are wonderful indulgences that sound very appealing, the luxury that is highest on everyone's "want, but can't afford" list is: time. No matter how hard we try, we always seem to need a few extra minutes in the day. This could be possible if you decide to live a life with luxurious conveniences. They will help



▲ *The expansive walk-in closet is fitted with built-in cabinetry, while the two vanities are separated by the lowered make-up area. This master suite also includes a sumptuous soaking tub for two with separate spacious shower. Design by Tereza Hello, The Cabinet Studio (Canada), Inc. ►*

Small appliances once only found in the kitchen are slowly making their way into the master suites to add minutes back to your day. A self-contained coffee system can be installed in any room very easily without the need for a fixed water supply, making it a wonderful addition to your new home or your existing master suite. These units in particular are great for any couple, allowing both partners to enjoy their hot morning beverage exactly the way they like it.

As you walk to the edge of the bedroom, on-looking the bathroom, you keep your feet nestled in the warmth and comfort of your carpeted bedroom floor. You are leery to take that first step onto the cold surface in the bathroom, afraid of shocking your body and surely breaking the calm you feel inside. An alternative would be to joyfully make

eyes as the water rains down on you from the shower panel overhead. Feeling awake and alive you reach out of the shower to grab your towel off the warming towel rack and dry yourself off. You then make your way across the bathroom to his and her basins spaciouly separated by a beautiful tall tailored wardrobe cabinet. Imagine this grand piece detailed with an arched valence, skirted toe kick, pilasters highlighting the deep drawer unit, and the upper cabinet framed with reeding to add a luxurious element to the room. You slip into your intimate apparel and the heated robe from the warming drawer and you are ready to finish your pampering needs.



your way into the en suite as the heated flooring warms your feet and prepares you for the rest of your calming routine.

You are ready to take a refreshing shower. Blissfully you stand amongst the multiple invigorating showerheads as the strategically placed jets and water tiles wake you up and gently massage your tired bones. Close your

You then reach for all of your cleansing and styling aids that are well organized in the cabinetry below the mirror. Each piece separately divided in the custom designed drawer unit to keep each article from shifting to the back or hiding under other pieces. You also look forward to choosing your jewelry for the day as this is another treat because all of your small pieces,



▲ *The comfort of a friendly floor by Warmly Yours heating systems.*

such as rings, broaches and earrings, are organized in their own individual drawers and your necklaces and longer accessories are neatly hanging in your tailored pull-out cabinet for easy viewing and access.

A systematic and well thought out design plan will take your daily activities

▼ *The Belle vanity from Fairmont Designs.*

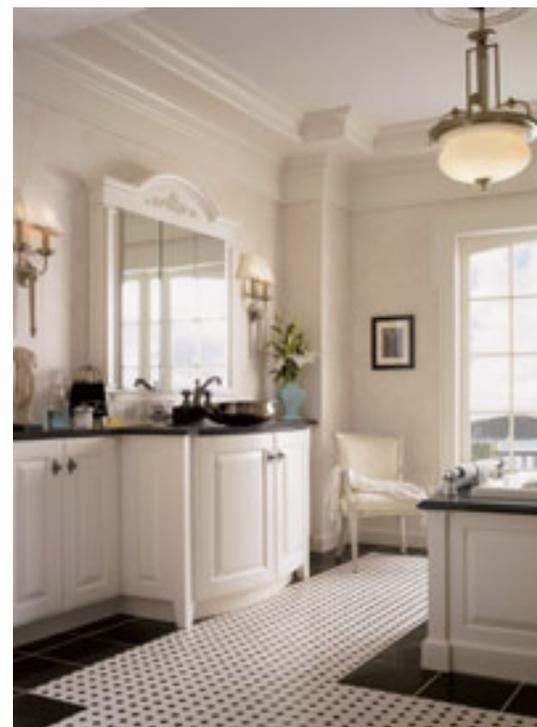


into consideration to make all of these tasks flow seamlessly into one another. Yet, regardless of how well organized the design you still detest attempting to apply your makeup because no matter how much time you spend on it, it never looks the same once you look at yourself in the mirror in the car. The reason for this is the sunlight is often brighter than the lighting overhead in your bathroom. This is a significant concern and lends itself to the shift back to the old Hollywood style seated illuminated mirror vanities. This not only addresses the lighting issue but also helps keep you relaxed in the morning, rather than having to lean across the sink to get close enough to the mirror when applying your makeup.

In fact the evolution of the vanities has been quite interesting to follow. Our ancestors began with a simple pitcher and bowl to take care of their sanitary needs. Followed by the introduction of running water inside the home, mirrored medicine cabinets over pedestal sinks came into play. Then along came full-

mirrored sink vanities inside the bathroom. As the stature of people became larger and time became more of an issue it was no longer feasible to have a single basin to accommodate both people and still maintain a calm atmosphere. This made way for an additional basin in the vanity and then later separate his and her vanities all together. We are now seeing more homes allowing for completely separate bathrooms into their design, for both partners to get themselves ready individually in the morning. Not only does this save time, and a lot of unnecessary anguish, it also allows each person to get ready in the comfort of a room designed around their own personal style. Modern design has now come full circle with the introduction of beautiful vessel sinks which come in such a wide variety of not only sizes but styles and texture that have taken taking center stage. We are also seeing the comeback of the medicine cabinets with their vast array of styles and colors integrated into many bathroom designs today.

▼ *Wood-Mode's Kensington Court Collection.*



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Now that you have finished pampering yourself and feel stunningly alive, you must find something to wear. You push open your closet door and squeeze through the clothes and you pick the outfit based on which one needs less ironing as opposed to choosing the outfit that best suits your mood that day. You have your outfit in hand and now if only you could remember where you put the shoes that match. There is the left one on the floor of the closet but where is its counterpart? No matter how relaxed you were in the beginning part of your morning, this picture could get any of us frustrated enough to wipe away those tranquil feelings.

This leads us to the next luxury that countless couples are including in their master suites: the spacious



▲ *A guest bath getaway offers luxurious amenities. Design by Tereza Hello, The Cabinet Studio (Canada), Inc.*

walk-in closets. This is something that is considered in the pre-planning stage when building a new home. However, if you are in a mature home and desire the roominess of a walk-in,

don't feel defeated, consider converting the spare bedroom into your own luxurious addition.

Instead of the grating situation

▼ *This bedroom niche features Studio Becker's Wardrobe System with sliding doors in aluminum frame and green frosted Satinato glass.*





▲ A newly remodeled master suite was designed to work with the early 18th century style of the home. Designed by Peter "PJ" Salerno, CMKBD, Salerno's Custom Cabinetry. Photography: Peter Rymwid.

described previously, picture walking cozily wrapped up in your warm bathrobe into your beautiful spacious wardrobe room. You sit at ease on your cushioned lounge while you decide which fashion you will don today. Everything organized in the open shelved cabinetry according to season and color, makes your clothes easy to view at a glance. All of your accessories: purses, ties and shoes are tucked away neatly in a large island

in the middle of the room. After you have decided on your outfit, you calmly get dressed and enjoy the rest of your day. To save more time in your morning you may decide to choose your clothes at night and lay them out on your wooden valet. This will also allow you the time to gently get rid of any wrinkles from your suit if necessary with your personal garment steamer all in the comfort of your suite.

You have used this area to efficiently yet peacefully prepare yourself for your day, now you deserve to use it as a retreat to unwind in as well. Keep this in mind when designing your dream suite. Although you have carefully chosen many luxuries to add to your design in order to help organize your morning routine, you should also pay close attention to some amenities that could be included in your plans to pamper yourself after a long days work.

A grand soaking tub or a massaging bubble bath will be a welcomed treat. Relax upon the sculpted head and armrests and allow your mind to escape as the jets knead your tight back and massage your weary feet.

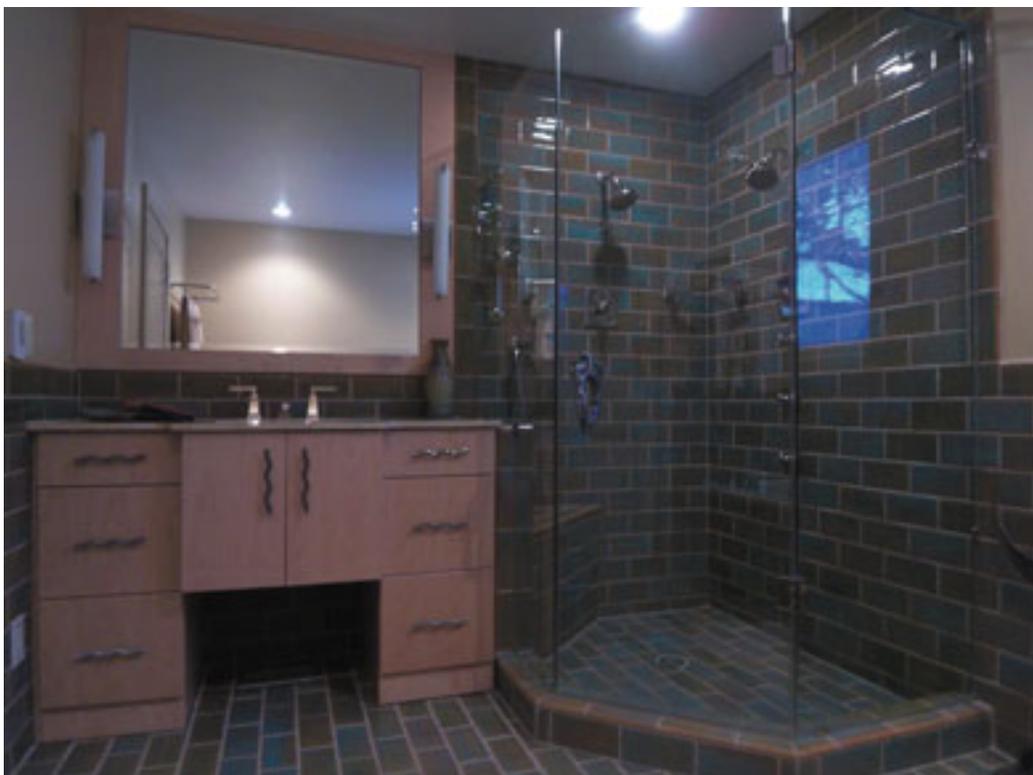
If space is an issue, another elegant option is to enjoy a soothing soak in a beautiful tub with soft music playing in the background and candles flickering off the calming pool of water. If you live in a mature home and the plans from years ago did not include a bathroom off the master bedroom, you can still make your existing bathroom as luxurious and stimulating as the rooms described above. Even though it may not be as convenient as having an en suite it is still in the comfort and warmth of your home.

Forget about your hectic day, and use that same beverage center from the morning to steep a soothing cup of chamomile tea to sip on as you retreat back to your bedroom. Nestle up in your luscious chaise lounge to a good book, in front of a warm crackling fire. Having a quaint seating area is a nice addition to your bedroom as it gives you a chance to engage in conversation with your loved ones or simply relax alone before you are ready to retire for the evening. You may be too tired to start another chapter in your novel, but you still aren't ready to fall asleep. In this case grab the remote and turn on your flat screen television that hangs centered over your fireplace. Set it

on a timer so you can fall into a relaxing slumber.

Doesn't this all sound like a dream come true? Your workweek is over and all in all it was pretty blissful and now the weekend is here. If only you hadn't been so enthusiastic about the wonderful additions to your luxurious master suite! Now that you have been sharing about your lovely new sanctuary you are bound to have more out of town visitors, friends and family opting to stay with you rather than at the local hotel. When they do so, remember your guests are on vacation and would love to wake up to a luxurious getaway. A fun way to accomplish this is to add a theme bathroom near or within the guest room. For example, a lot of people are drawn to the Eastern design styles of the Orient but that doesn't necessarily match the décor of the rest of the house. The guest rooms are an exciting way to incorporate different design styles that contrast the rest of the home. If this is too drastic for you, adding some of the luxuries like the warming towel rack or the beverage center into the space will help make your guests

Pamper yourself with a welcoming, luxurious master retreat. Design by Tereza Hello, The Cabinet Studio (Canada), Inc. ▼



▲ *This en suite master bath's understated beautiful wood cabinets complement the glazed tile, pulls and glass-enclosed shower with an Adam and Eve fixture. Interiors by Cathy St. Aubin. Design by Tereza Hello, The Cabinet Studio (Canada), Inc.*

enjoy a little piece of private luxury as well. A simple way to add elegance to the guest rooms is to replace basic pulls and knobs with jewelry like hardware. Also, including glass mosaics

in the bathroom is another technique to add brilliance and luxury as well.

A major trend we will be seeing in the next ten years is a shift back to the construction of smaller scale homes up to 2700-square feet. This shift will mean that designers will need to become more creative with their designs in order to allow their clients to live a life with all of the luxuries they desire within the smaller space. This being said, although grand, elaborate master suites can be breath taking, you can also find luxury on a smaller scale. It is very exciting to start building your new dream home from the foundation up. This process allows you to build the walls around your dream. However, if you have an established home you now have the opportunity to build your dream around your existing walls.

You have a good idea of what your dream would be for your suite, but there are a few things to keep in mind.



To ensure you are completely satisfied at the end of your project and for years to come, insist that your designer focus not only on the beauty, functionality, and organization of the design but make sure that they are

concerned with how you intend to use all of the rooms. Lifestyle questions are just as important, if not more important than style and aesthetic questions, when wanting to live a life of true convenience and luxury. ■

▼ *The posh minimalist approach—Mistral from Bristol and Bath.*



▲ *The Miele Coffee Systems for example are completely self-contained.*



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Together they ensure that every associate maintains the genuine personalized touch Tereza established the company on over a decade ago.



▲ Fairmont Design's Urban Loft vanity with apron-front sink.

NeoMetro Cranberry and Skye Consoles. ▼



▲ Iris vanity and mirror from Xylem with Reflex vessel in Metallic Silver.

Award winning powder room by Tereza Hello, The Cabinet Studio, Inc. Interiors: Cathy St. Aubin. ►



▲ Design by Michael E. White, CKD, Aspen White Star, LLC, Woody Creek, CO. Quality Custom Cabinetry. Photography: Bob Brazell.

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Spanish Spice

Influenced with a touch of Spanish spice, this gorgeous bathroom is a wonderful escape for the man of the house. The dark tones and rustic textures on the walls and floor provide a masculine feel while the accessories add a feminine touch to allow any guest to feel comfortable and enjoy the space. A unique feature in this retreat is the floating alder wood vanity with granite countertop. While giving character to the space, this allowed us to raise the vanity to base height to accommodate the stature of the client without overpowering the room.

Interiors: Cathy St. Aubin

Elegant Oasis

Even before entering this bathroom you start to gain a sense of feminine elegance and organization. Clean, bright, organized, striking and grand, are all words that come to mind as you enter this space. As you descend down the hallway into this beautiful oasis, you are greeted by a tall cabinet inset between two full-length mirrors. The pristine ambiance is echoed in the bathroom with the harmonizing French Vanilla hand glazed cabinetry. The gold trim on the wainscoting around the entire room beautifully accents the gold hardware and fixtures at the vanity.

Interiors:

Sandra Ling of Instinctive Interiors, LLC

