



Classical story

This major remodel has seen a neglected office and pool pavilion changing room transformed into a magical, light-filled spa

After enjoying some of the world's most exclusive spas, the owner of this house was inspired to create a luxurious retreat of her own.

Valerie Foster Hoffman of Pasadena, CA had the ideal spot for a spa – a neglected area between her bedroom and an outdoor pool. The space had been taken up by an office that was no longer used, and a pool pavilion changing room.

Elina Katsioula-Beall of De Witt Designer Kitchens was subsequently commissioned and Roman influences.

"I wanted something quite elegant and feminine, with a lot of statuary and mirrors," says Hoffman. "It needed to look like a fabulous spa retreat you might visit on vacation."

Katsioula-Beall was also

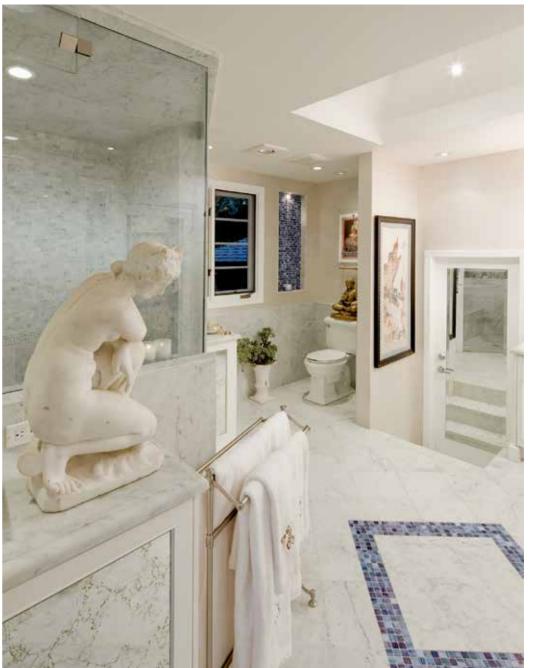
asked to maximize a leafy view of a private garden, which is dedicated to the concept of to design a light and airy spa spirituality, with a variety of bathroom with classical Greek settings paying homage to different religions.

"The existing space was very dark, so we opened up a window to the west, which has a view through to a Buddha fountain," the designer says. "We also introduced a large skylight, with fully directional

Facing page: A classical, yet feminine, interior was designed for this new spa bathroom, which features Carrara marble and Grass wallpaper with a metallic silver

Above: Mirrors were added to the flat panels on all the cabinets to provide a sparkling, reflective surface. The glass features gold veining, which gives the mirrors an antique Venetian look.





Bathroom designer:

Elina Katsioula-Beall, De Witt Designer Kitchens (Pasadena, CA)

Builder: AMS Construction

Vanity tops, wall and floor tiles:

Carrara marble from Empire Marble & Granite; Walker Zanger Tribeca Classic White tiles in steam shower

Cabinets: Maple, lined with Polar White

by Columbia Cabinets Basin: Kohler Thoreau

Faucets: Kohler Kelston

Shower fittings and toilet:

Kohler Memoirs

Wallcoverings: Grass wallpaper with metallic silver from Candice Olson Fine

Wallpapers Lighting: Liton from Lamps Plus

Cabinetry hardware: Iridescent Diamond Knob from Cal Crystal

Towel warmer: Myson

Cabinetry mirrors: Venetian Gold Vein from Antique Mirror Glass Company **Skylights:** Velux America Inc

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lights within the shaft. And we moved a door to incorporate the stairs to the pool area inside the bathroom. The room is now more spacious and there is a better flow through to the pool.

"To enhance the sense of a traditional Roman bath and courtyard, we chose a simple palette of soft white and gray, with sparkling blue mosaic tile accents. The floors and lower

shower features Carrara petitbrick tiles with a trim in the classic Greek key pattern. The blue mosaic tile accents appear within wall niches and as a rug pattern on the floor."

Mirrored panels on doors effectively double the apparent size of the room and reflect the

part of the walls are lined with light and leafy views. Mirrors Carrara marble tiles, which are on all the flat panels within the acid washed and won't show vanity, makeup and storage wet footprints. The steam cabinets feature gold veining, which gives them an antique Venetian look that complements the marble and vintage statuary.

> The spa analogy extends to the functionality – the bathroom has a high-performance steam shower with a variety of showerheads.

Facing page: Mirrored cabinets flank the entry to the steam shower. This is lined with Carrara marble petitbrick tiles with a border trim in a Greek key pattern.

Above left: Vintage statuary and artworks collected by the owner provide decorative focal points.

Above: A sparkling chandelier and Hollywood lights around the mirror create an inviting makeup area near the door to the pool area.