





Sense of enchantment

Remodeling this master suite has created a precious jewel box - a bathroom that sparkles beneath crystal-studded lighting

Glamorous bathrooms are no longer the sole preserve of five-star hotels. Increasingly, designers are bringing the same luxurious touches to the master suites they design for their clients.

This remodeled bathroom, by Elina Katsioula-Beall of DeWitt Designer Kitchens, was designed for a client who had always dreamed of a having a glamorous bathroom.

"She loves the way many elegant hotels have bathrooms that make you feel pampered and wonderful, and she wanted to have that same feeling at home," the designer says. "She deserved to be equally enchanted – we envisaged a charming space where she and her husband could relax, soak, and let the steam melt all the stress away. We also planned a special setting at right angles.

for her beauty care routines."

Katsioula-Beall says the existing bathroom had an '80s-style tub with an enormous tub surround and long step, which took up valuable space. This was replaced with an oval tub, softly angled into the corner to make room for additional vanity cabinets. The bathroom now features hisand-hers vanities, positioned

Preceding pages: Fit for a diva interior designer Elina Katsioula-Beall teamed crystal lighting, iridescent mosaics, foam-like marble and Silver Mountain travertine to bring a touch of drama to this bathroom.

These pages: The bathroom was extensively remodeled, with his-andhers vanity cabinets positioned at right angles. One vanity incorporates a lowered make-up area with a bow front. The crystal sconces are by Swarovski.

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Above: The shower was also designed for two people. It comes with twin showerheads and two sets of controls. The walls are lined with geometric random glass tiles that help to bounce light around the room. Bench seats - one large and one small - are topped with slabs of Silver Mountain travertine, which matches the floor tiles.

"This was where we could indulge her fantasy, with a sink vanity and a separate, lowered make-up area," the designer says. "We chose marble countertops that resemble crystal clouds floating above the dark wood cabinets. These are cantilevered off the floor to enhance the effect and to make the room seem more spacious."

set within niches frame the

mirrors on both of the vanities.

"The sconces sparkle and shine against the iridescent silk mosaic tiles in the niches, providing a soft, flattering illumination," says Katsioula-Beall. "The sconces match the crystal chandelier suspended above the tub."

The designer also added a steam shower, placed in the Swarovski crystal sconces corner between the vanities. Designed for two, the shower be anti-slip. Similar travertine

has his-and-hers showerheads and body sprays, a rainhead, two benches and niches for products.

"We dressed the shower with a geometric glass tile, so it envelops the owners, much like a sparkling jewel box."

Silver Mountain travertine slabs cut into floor tiles were laid to reference a stream, with the travertine treated to features on the tub surround and on the bench seats in the shower.

"Every surface has been given the same special attention," says the designer. "The owner tells me that starting and ending her day surrounded by beauty is a lovely way to live."

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Interior designer: Elina Katsioula-Beall, DeWitt Designer Kitchens (Pasadena, CA)

Vanity tops: Blue Grey Crystal marble with square miter edge detail by Molise Marble & Granite

Cabinetry: Benchmark in Espresso Cabinet knobs and pulls: Essential'Z by Amerock

Tub: Americh Catalina from George's Plumbing

Tub deck: Silver Mountain travertine; glass mosaics, by Molise Marble &

Basins: O'Brien Porcelain Katie in White from George's Plumbing

Faucets and shower fittings: Graff Shower enclosure: Silver Mountain

travertine with random glass mosaic tile by Molise Marble & Granite Showerhead: Kallista Jeton with arm

Flooring: Silver Mountain travertine from Molise Marble & Granite Wall tiles: Glass mosiac tiles from

Canyon Tile & Stone Lighting: Halo recessed; ceiling fixture and sconces from Mi Casa Lighting

Above: The cabinetry incorporates hamper and towel storage, and there is a large niche for a television. The sense of glamour is enhanced by the lighting, which includes dimmable, recessed ceiling halogens, soffit lights, and under-cabinet, lowvoltage strip lighting.

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