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INNOVATION IN DESIGN AWARDS

Bath Design



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**DESIGN
BY THE
JONATHANS**

Although it may be a design style not familiar to most, Japandi embodies the best of Japanese and Scandinavian aesthetics. And for a primary en-suite bath, the style can work to maximum effect, as it does in this home. The homeowners, a young professional couple with three boys, wanted a sanctuary all for themselves—a place that not only energizes them in the morning but also relaxes them at night. The design team used vertical wood slats that draw the eye up to the slanted ceiling. Calming, yet invigorating, elements include a large-format slate floor, a floating stone vanity illuminated by a small glowing pendant, an organically shaped freestanding tub, and a spacious shower with a built-in stone bench and pebble-stone floor tile. The sleek, modern space remains bright via a large window, through which the property's natural setting is visible.

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finalist MCGUIRE HOME

Clients for whom McGuire Home had previously worked contacted Gregory McGuire for renovations to their home, including some updates for the primary bathroom. McGuire created two separate shower areas, one of which is situated within an inviting arched opening. The existing window was framed with Carrara marble, and a frosted glass door that can be opened or closed for privacy was added. The floor is composed of Carrara marble set as a mosaic, and marble tiles line the walls of both shower areas. The room features two vanities in a high-gloss Benjamin Moore paint with a complementary vine-motif wallpaper from Schumacher. Tile and marble are through Fordham Marble.

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finalist ALEXIS PARENT INTERIORS

A fashionable client wanted a fashionable bathroom in her 7,000-square-foot home that she and her husband have been renovating over the past few years. What had once been a dimly lit, poorly insulated room was treated to a major facelift that has resulted in a bright space with natural light pouring in through a vast picture window with views of the property's swimming pool and gardens. The client was adamant, too, that her primary bath not look like so many others she had encountered in Fairfield County homes. The design team responded by featuring custom "his and hers" 93-inch vanities equipped with fixtures that include Swarovski crystal details set inside chrome. A chandelier from Hudson Valley Lighting was set above the new freestanding tub, and a boutique-style closet in the space is ample enough to house the client's shoe and bag collection. The glass-enclosed curbless steam shower offers a concealed linear Mr. Steam unit.

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