



Streamlined Style

Edgy, modern, and filled with dynamic contrast, this remodeled master bath instantly soothes the soul and whisks away everyday worries. Proponents of feng shui would say that's because the bath also embodies nature's five elemental forces: earth, wood, fire, metal—and, of course, flowing water.

The water and metal are represented by the fixtures, says Ontario designer Nathalie Tremblay. The "fire" is in-floor heating and LED lighting. The wood element is riftsawn oak used for the floating vanity and the bench under the window, both stained nearly black. An earthy stacked-slate wall echoes the charcoal hue. Meanwhile, white marble tile stretches to the ceiling on two opposing walls, bridging the gap between heaven and earth.

The room's pleasing energy is evident the moment you step inside, but Tremblay didn't set out to create a feng shui experience—those elements just naturally fit into the design as she planned the space. The bath's owner is a gentleman with blended Japanese and Chinese heritage and ultra-hip taste. "Stylistically, he gave me carte blanche," Tremblay says. "He requested a large shower, a soaking tub,

BELOW: White quartz tops the sleek vanity; a bottom shelf is painted high-gloss white to match. The marble wall treatment extends into the toilet compartment, which includes a small sink (glimpsed left).

OPPOSITE: Viewed from the entry, the bath's sculptural white tub contrasts with a dark, stacked-slate wall. A towel warmer is one of many luxuries.





ABOVE, LEFT TO RIGHT: A floor-mount faucet pairs with a long handheld sprayer at the freestanding tub.

Recessed floor lights with Swarovski crystals provide sparkling illumination.

Wall-mount faucets create dual wash stations at the vanity's trough-style sink. A stone ledge provides display space.

OPPOSITE: A glass wall with a door on each side of the tub showcases the marble steam shower, with its integrated drying zone, at left. The pod-shape resin tub is ergonomically designed.

a separate water closet, and a TV. His only other request was to be wowed by a unique, contemporary design.”

And wow him she did—with a spacious layout created by taking over space from a walk-in closet, a focal-point window that floods the room with natural light, and new fixtures that add streamlined style and function. An ergonomically designed freestanding tub takes center stage before a floor-to-ceiling wall of glass, which encloses the ultra-luxe shower. Essentially a walk-through space, the shower has a separate entry and exit. There’s even a drying zone for toweling off at one side of the shower, complete with built-in shelving for towels.

Throughout the room, pampering amenities and high-tech features ensure comfort and convenience. The trough-style sink at the floating vanity has dual wall-mount faucets, offering a sleek setup that’s easy on the eye and easy to clean. The shower features dual rain heads, a handheld wand, a set of steam valves, and four muscle-pummeling body jets. Operable glass transoms up top alternately release or trap the steam as desired. An integrated music system, LED up-lighting by the tub, and two wall-mount TVs lend modern convenience as well.

Although the bath’s features are high-tech, the mood is serene. The modern conveniences blend seamlessly into the space, leaving the room’s uncluttered, Zen atmosphere undisturbed. It’s the ideal setting for any time of day—whether you’re in the mood for a soothing evening soak or an invigorating morning shower.

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