

THE ESSENTIALS

BATH OF THE MONTH

The Great Escape

A sleek design and luxe materials bring calm to a bath built for two.

"THE DANGER IN DOING A contemporary bathroom is that it can feel cold," says Pamela Butz of Butz + Klug Architecture, who remodeled this home near Boston with partner Jeffrey Klug. Their solution was a design that errs on the side of simplicity, but with beautiful, natural materials that "speak for themselves."

One of those materials is Equator marble, often used in hammams; aligning the lines of the slabs creates a single horizon in the wet room. Glass walls on two sides of the shower, plus a new skylight, make the whole space feel open and bright—even after dark. "When the sun sets, moonlight turns the space into a glowing sea of tranquil midnight blues," says Klug. White-oak floors with radiant heating are warm underfoot and quickly dry any water that splashes on the hardwood.

Despite the bathroom's narrow footprint, the homeowners were adamant about including a large six-by-three-foot bathtub by Rexa Design. To accommodate their wish—and give them a little breathing room—the architects designed a narrow wall-length teak vanity and Corian double sink. Hidden cabinets from Robern on either side of the central mirror mitigate countertop clutter. Serenity achieved. —*Carisha Swanson*

RIGHT: The shower stall was designed to have wet and dry zones. Dornbracht Symetrics fittings, chosen for their simple profile and intuitive operation, are used throughout. Stools, Kalon Studios.



A HIDDEN COLUMN OF SHELVES!



A custom Corian sink with a raised ledge creates two separate prep areas. On the Rocks sconces from Flos. Mastell bathtub by Rexa Design. Wall paint, DKC-8 by Donald Kaufman Color.

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