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wanted to maintain as many of the initial design decisions as possible because he knew his wife had fallen in love with a lot of the selections we had made.”

To that end, they kept the initial plan for a wet room.

“A lot of Four Seasons Hotels throughout the country are combining the tub with the shower into one room, and my clients are big fans of the concept,” she says, noting that the inclusion of a curbless entry allows easy access for his wheelchair.

Original finish decisions that remained unchanged included the Ann Sacks Statuary Classic marble that clads the shower/tub area.

“She loves natural stone and marble and we had already selected the gorgeous ceiling and shower wall tiles,” she says.

Another original product selection was the Native Trails concrete tub, which she positioned perfectly to fit beneath the angled ceiling. Accenting it with a Kallista tub filler adds to its beauty.

“It isn’t necessarily ADA compliant, but it’s spectacular,” she says, adding that freestanding tubs, in general, are a popular request from many of her clients.

The relatively dark coloration of the tub also reinforces the concept of contrast within the space, Campbell continues, adding that she references the project as ‘elevated duality.’

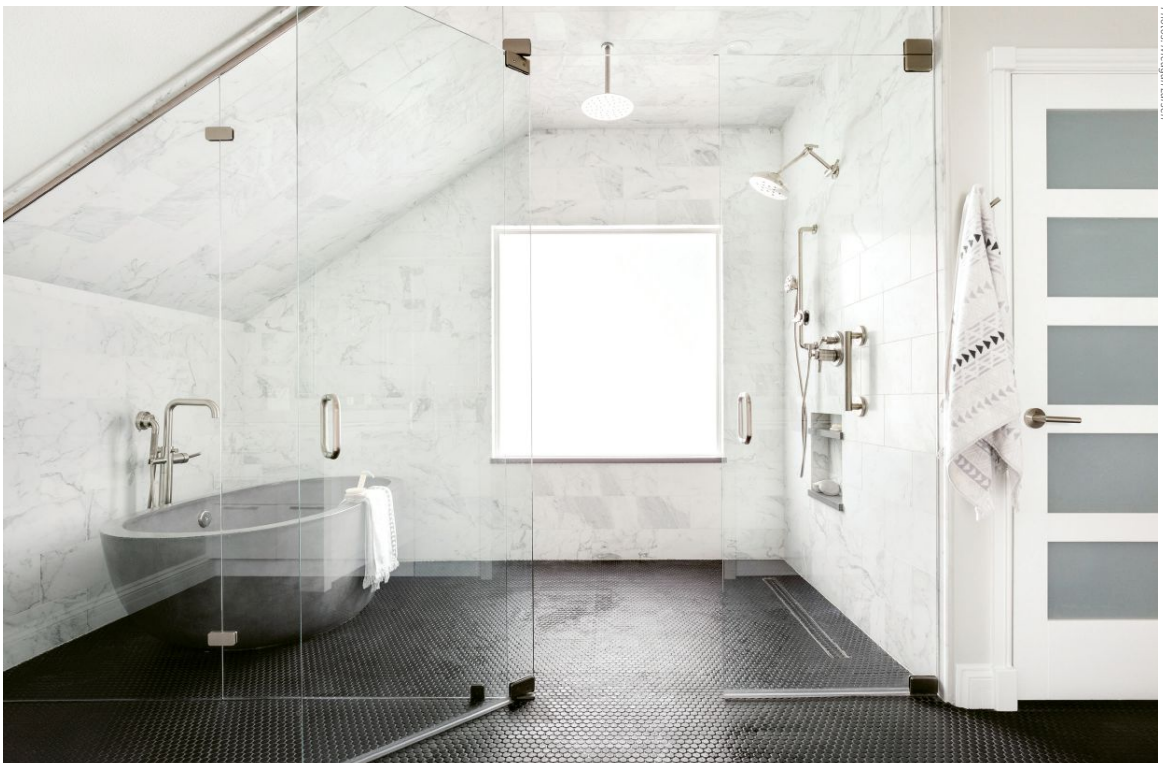
“There is contrast between light and dark finishes,” she states. “There is also contrast between refined and formal finishes like the polished marble juxtaposed against the industrial, casual elements such as the tub.”

Selections that ultimately changed included the shower floor tiles, which Campbell switched to Waterworks Matte Black penny mosaic for extra grip. The designer also added



■ ■ In the midst of renovating this master bathroom, Ashley Campbell needed to reassess her clients’ needs when a heart attack left the husband with limited mobility. While some decisions, such as a curbless entry to the wet room and the marble wall/ceiling tiles, remained, others, such as the floor tile and the addition of a grab bar, were changed to make it easier and safer for him to enjoy the space.

While the concrete tub isn’t necessarily ADA compliant, it adds beauty to the space.



Photos: Megan Larson



The **Stone Forest** Roman Bathtub is carved to order and available in Pap-iro marble (shown), Carrara marble and Crema marfil marble. Each Stone Forest bathtub is created from a single block of stone that displays natural veining patterns and other color variations. Since carving is done by hand, each tub is a little different in size, shape and color. Circle No. 175 on Product Card



Combining luxury with practicality, the oval, ergonomic design of the **Spectacle** Freestanding Bath from **Sterling** conforms to and supports the body as it stretches out for a deep, relaxing soak. The tub features gracefully shaped lines, sloped lumbar support and a generous bathing depth. Circle No. 176 on Product Card



The Mendocino NativeStone Freestanding Tub from **Native Trails** features thick walls that provide insulation for a hot, deep soak. Created using a sustainable blend of natural jute fiber and cement, the tub offers a silky texture and is lighter in weight than other stone tubs. The tub is available in Ash, Slate, Pearl (shown) and Earth finishes. Circle No. 177 on Product Card



The Lotus Sink & Bath Collection, designed by Nathalie Katzoff of **NK Woodworking & Design**, includes sculptural works of art that are completely stabilized, waterproof and smooth to the touch. The tub is available in three sizes and various hardwood options. Shown in Sapele Mahogany and Walnut. Circle No. 178 on Product Card



The Biscayne tub is constructed out of Hydroluxe SS, **Hydro Systems'** proprietary solid surface blend. It features lumbar support on both backrests and linear overflow with drain. Available as a soaker or with thermal air, the tub comes in 16 standard colors, and can be customized with any color or metallic finish, in polished or matte, or two-toned. Circle No. 179 on Product Card



Andaz – a round, solid surface tub from **Clarke Architectural** – features a spacious interior. An in-wall slot overflow is positioned high on the wall for a true soaking experience. The tub can be ordered in a standard matte white finish or a satin white finish, as well as gray shades of Whisper and Ghost in both matte and satin finishes. Circle No. 180 on Product Card



The Finezza Freestanding Tub from **Graff** is inspired by Art Deco design, with a distinctive modern trapezoidal shape. Constructed from the company's proprietary Sleek-Stone – a composite of dolomitic stone and resin – it is warm and smooth to the touch yet extremely durable, the firm notes. The tub is available in gloss or matte. Circle No. 181 on Product Card



From the sieger design XViiu series for **Duravit**, this freestanding bathtub showcases a prominent metal frame with a V-shaped profile available in Champagne Matte or Black Matte. The gloss white acrylic tub, available in two sizes, contrasts with the frame and enhances the overall geometric design. Circle No. 182 on Product Card

to use the bath as a focal point in the space, and often this opens up the conversation for bold color statements.” Meghan also sees customers seeking to blend their tub into the overall design, which makes the ability to color match other bathroom fixtures important.

## CUSTOM FEATURES

The demand for individualized options extends beyond aesthetics to the features and technologies selected for the products installed.

“Speaking to the customized experience, homeowners often are interested in multiple hydrotherapy experiences,” Meghan says. “Kohler offers combination hydrotherapy options to allow bathers the freedom of choice – providing personalized bathing experiences that can vary with each use, or from bather to bather.”

Walsh says American Standard offers three different types of jetted tubs: Air Bath, Whirlpool and Combo Massage. “The Whirlpool mixes air and water through high-powered jets for a hydro-massage effect, while the Air Bath model uses warm air bubbles for a gentler experience. The combination massage tub offers both features,” he explains. “Aside from the bells and whistles, we’ve also noticed that people are seeking deeper soaking tubs, which we’ve made sure to incorporate with options like the Studio S Freestanding Tub, which has a 17” soaking depth.”

In saunas, Gunderson sees increased demand for the firm’s sauna/infrared custom cut rooms. “Pretty much all of our Sauna Infrared packages are customized to the dimensions of the room that you frame,” he notes. These can be located in bathrooms, for easy access to showering, or in other areas of the home, such as space bedrooms, rec rooms or basements.

The size of these saunas varies depending on the type of technology selected. “While a traditional sauna can be just about any size, the combined heat sauna/infrared rooms need to stay under 425 cubic feet,” Gunderson states.

## TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

Hydrotherapy products are about relaxation and escape from the pervasive technology in daily life, but that doesn’t mean there aren’t important technological advances. In this case, technology isn’t about screens and entertainment, but functionality and comfort.

At TOTO, Strang says, the company is working to enhance the experience of bathing through technology and innovation, allowing people to step away from the constant flurry of information they receive. TOTO’s luxury floatation tub with ZERO DIMENSION technology has gained traction, he notes. “It’s really bringing into the space a different look and feel, and a technology that wasn’t there before,” he explains,

**21.** As the newest addition to **Wellborn Cabinet's** assortment of cabinet doors, Amelia radiates a sophisticated and transitional look and feel, notes the firm. The Amelia door style is a versatile design that can add dimension and interest to the design, with a variety of finishes and glass-front options available. Circle No. 256 on Product Card

**22.** The Murano Collection from **Native Trails** includes vessel sinks crafted by Italian artisans on the island of Murano just off the coast of Venice. The colors and patterns of the collection are created in the molding and spinning process, making each sink a unique functional work of art, the company notes. The Murano Collection consists of five design series – Beachcomber, Abyss, Bianco, Shoreline and Abalone (shown) – each comprised of multiple sink styles. Circle No. 257 on Product Card

**23.** QAR farmhouse sinks by **Karran** feature a shorter height apron, which allows them to be retrofitted into an existing 36"-wide standard sink base cabinet. The sinks are available in three different bowl configurations and six colors, and all feature 9"-deep bowls. Circle No. 258 on Product Card

**24.** **MSI Surfaces** has introduced white marble looks, both Calacatta and Carrara inspired, and Soapstone styles made of soft gray and charcoal colorways in Q Premium Natural Quartz. Colors include: Calacatta Alto, Calacatta Arno, Calacatta Clara, Calacatta Ida, Calacatta Leon (shown), Calacatta Montage, Calacatta Trento, Calacatta Trevi, Calacatta Ultra, Carrara Iris, Carrara Morro, Soapstone Metropolis and Soapstone Mist. Circle No. 259 on Product Card

**25.** **Trex Company** has teamed with **Danver Stainless Outdoor Kitchens** to offer a new selection of cabinetry in its revamped Trex Outdoor Kitchens collection. The new lineup consists of stainless steel cabinetry in seven door styles, including two designs exclusive to Trex Outdoor Kitchens: The Newport, which features two stiles and rails with a center stile; and the Craftsman-inspired London, boasting two stiles and rails with cross mullions. Circle No. 260 on Product Card

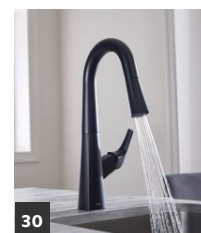
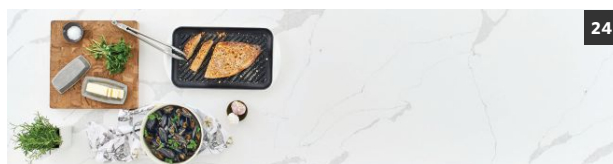
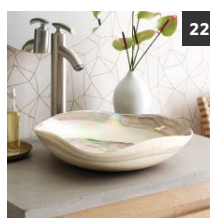
**26.** **Thor Kitchen's** first 30" pro-style induction range features 4.55 cubic feet of cooking space, two oven racks, a convection fan and four induction cooking zones. The free-standing range offers the power and performance of a traditional gas range with faster heat-up times and increased energy efficiency, the company notes. Circle No. 261 on Product Card

**27.** **Plum's** wine appliance holds two bottles of wine, automatically identifies any varietal with artificial intelligence, chills each bottle to the correct serving temperature and preserves the wine for 90 days. The wine is served from the device one glass at a time with the touch of a button. Plum fits any standard kitchen counter, or can be built into customized cabinetry. Circle No. 262 on Product Card

**28.** The European Black Mirror Finish Induction Cooktop from **Sharp Home Appliances** showcases a premium Schott glass surface. The induction cooktop is available in 30" and 36" sizes and features four cooking zones, a kitchen timer and a Power Boost. The Simmer Enhancer option provides low, consistent cooking performance for delicate soups and sauces. Circle No. 263 on Product Card

**29.** **Top Knobs** introduces the Ellis Collection of knobs, pulls and appliance pulls comprised of 270 pieces in five series: Telfair, Hartridge, Julian, Davenport and Ellis. Inspired by the historic architecture of Savannah, GA, the Ellis collection is a modern reinvention of classically influenced designs. Circle No. 264 on Product Card

**30.** **Gerber Plumbing's** Pull-Down Prep Faucets share the same design as the standard kitchen pull-down but on a smaller scale. Available in the Draper, Se-lene and Vaughn collections, the faucets have a maximum flow rate of 1.75 gpm at 60 psi. Features include the SnapBack Retraction System, easily adjustable GripLock retraction weight and dual-function sprayhead. All are available in Chrome and Stainless Steel finishes, and Vaughn is also available in Satin Black. Circle No. 265 on Product Card



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