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Tranquil Tones

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AN UPDATE FROM its jetted tub days was a necessity for this 23-year-old master bath. "This bathroom was probably designed ... as economically as possible," says Bob Gallese, owner of Acclaim Renovations & Design. "The cabinetry that was in there was basic cabinetry, the shower was a little cramped ... and, that jetted tub took up a lot of room." With renovations complete, this space has become a functional yet ornate interplay of gray tones and flowing textures.

To create more space, Gallese focused on the highlight of the bathroom, the shower. "We extended that out as far as we could and put the door on an angle so that you are stepping out of the shower toward the bathroom. There is a partial glass wall that allows the natural light into the shower now, which before was just a solid wall blocking it off from all of the bathroom. Now they can see their wall-hung TV and their wall-hung fireplace," says Gallese.

The luxurious fireplace detail serves a functional purpose as well. "The bathroom was cold so [the homeowners] wanted somehow to warm that room

up because it was the farthest away from the furnace," says Gallese. While heated floors run throughout the bathroom, the fireplace insures the bathroom warms up on cold winter days.

Contrasting against the warmth of the bathroom are the cool tones of the chosen materials. "The floor is a large-module tile with a slightly undulated surface, and it looks almost like concrete," explains Gallese. "It ties in real nice with the white and the gray in the shower."

Instead of a typical shower slope toward a center drain, Gallese installed a line drain, which runs against the wall, creating only one slope from the front to the back wall. "Because of that I was able to use these much larger tiles," says Gallese. The shower is a play in patterns — large 24-by-24-inch white with gray veining decorative tiles show an embossed wavy pattern, mimicking the undulating surface of the shower floor yet boldly contrasting it in color.

Cabinetry that wraps around the entire bathroom and a large seating bench offer a vast amount of storage in the newfound spacious room,

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while a built-in powder table is finished with a plush ottoman that tucks perfectly underneath. With the bathroom's existing vaulted ceiling and Gallese's expansive design, this master bath has taken on ample space.

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