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MODERN SERENITY



Sculptural tubs, dramatic stone surfaces, and distinctive wood cabinetry give these contemporary baths a strong presence. Spa-worthy steam showers and cutting-edge technology bring luxury and comfort to everyday routines, while neutral colors and organic materials create the perfect environment for relaxation.



Organic Artistry

Beautiful architecture seamlessly melds indoors and out, creating interior spaces that welcome and envelop you with their simple beauty. This master bathroom in Colorado's Vail Valley offers a prime example of architecture's artistic potential with its inviting blend of organic materials, clean lines, and striking design that takes full advantage of the jaw-dropping views just outside the door.



Natural wood surfaces and a gorgeous slab of onyx in the shower help create a soothing retreat in this Colorado home.



Designed to be a private sanctuary for a retired couple, the master suite is detached from the rest of the house but is easily—and dramatically—accessed via a glass-enclosed bridge that spans a water feature. Within the master bath, architect Tom Cole and interior designer Robyn Scott arranged the space to ensure a seamless connection between indoors and out. On the wall facing the mountains, they placed two tall glass doors on either side of a see-through fireplace, to make the most of the home's spectacular setting. "We envisioned those doors would often be wide open to the beautiful mountain views," Cole says.

In front of the doors, a sculptural soaking tub serves as one of the room's dramatic focal points and gives bathers access to the best view in the room. On the opposite wall, large mirrors above the floating vanity reflect light and views, visually enlarging the spacious bath even more. Tucked behind the vanity, dual toilet compartments enjoy privacy and natural light thanks to windows set high on the wall. Overhead, a sloping ceiling clad in Douglas fir extends outside and seems to point up to the mountains, reinforcing the connection to the surroundings.

Materials and finishes within the bath mimic the organic beauty of the home's stunning location. "The clients wanted a very monochromatic, quiet bathroom," Scott says. "They wanted it to be very modern, but also very natural."

ABOVE: A floating vanity constructed of yew wood melds modern and rustic elements. Lighting installed underneath the vanity makes the space glow at night.

OPPOSITE: A pair of glass doors behind the tub lead out to a private deck. A see-through fireplace warms indoors and out.



THIS PHOTO: A built-in bench topped with yew wood offers another place to contemplate the view. The floor-mount tub filler shows off a clean-lined design in keeping with the bath's simple forms.





ABOVE, LEFT TO RIGHT: A satin-etched glass door leads into one of two toilet compartments tucked behind the vanity.

Echoing the hues seen through windows on either side of the shower, a single slab of onyx provides dramatic color and pattern.

A sleek faucet integrated into a stainless-steel shelf (with a lever at one side) allows water to cascade into the shallow rectangular basin below.

To create the foundation for the tranquil room, Scott chose a creamy-hued limestone for both the floor and walls, adding subtle texture and natural beauty throughout the space. She repeated the ceiling's wood tones in a floating vanity that pairs a streamlined, modern design with warm, rustic yew wood. "[The wood] has a really organic pattern which we felt softened the space and brought in a more natural feel for the bathroom," Scott says. She accented the vanity with rectangular above-counter basins and hidden faucets integrated in stainless-steel shelves for an eye-catching tableau.

Glass doors to the shower (located directly across from the bath's entrance) show off a stunning slab of onyx on the shower's back wall. Its swirling pattern adds a touch of drama to the subdued space, but its colors remain within the room's neutral palette. "We were looking for a stone of some kind for the shower wall, and we all fell in love with the incredible pattern of the onyx," Scott says.

The onyx is just one of many elements in the bath—including the view—that can take your breath away. But although all the design elements are beautiful, none of them compete for attention. Whether you're looking inside or out, one element blends into another to create a dramatic and cohesive whole. "The bath has a real wow factor to it, but at the same time it's not over the top," Scott says. "One piece doesn't stand out over the other. Each piece is like a work of art."

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