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Masterful Baths

Top designers transform these three winning bathrooms with smart space planning, distinctive style and luxe amenities

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BLENDING MODERN FORMS AND ORGANIC elements, this contemporary bathroom is simple and open to reflect the beauty of the landscape outside the Vail Valley home. "The space is soft, quiet and soothing," says designer Robyn Scott of Robyn Scott Interiors. "The homeowners are drawn to European design, and they envisioned a very clean, minimalist room."

In the early planning stages, as Scott and her clients walked the aisles of a cavernous stone warehouse, a stunning slab of onyx stopped them in their tracks. "We were looking for a stone of some kind for the shower wall, and we all fell in love with its incredible pattern," she says. "The earth tones also fit well with the natural color palette of the space."

A satin-etched glass door with hand-blown knobs opens into the light-filled room, where a deep, cast-resin Agape soaking tub takes center stage. Two shallow, rectangular basin sinks top a pair of white cantilevered counters, and mirrors reflect the stunning views. Custom "floating" cabinets are built of Yew, an exotic wood known for its fine, distinctive grain. "The cabinetry is rustic in material, but modern in shape," Scott says. "The simple design highlights the grain of the wood, which relates well to the Colorado outdoors."

Floors and walls are covered in cream-hued honed limestone, creating visual continuity and reflecting the room's natural light. Furnishings are spare and elegant, from the small arrangement of stacked river rocks to a sculptural white chair made from industrial seatbelt strapping.

"It's a minimalist space with monochromatic tones that highlight the elemental materials," Scott says. "I think this room is a beautiful example of how creating something really simple leads to a very strong design."

DESIGNER TIPS

- "Floating" cabinetry that doesn't touch the floor helps to visually lighten the room; Scott added lighting underneath for a dramatic accent.
- It's a pricey investment, but a full slab of onyx in the shower is like a show-stopping piece of art that transforms the room.
- Instead of cladding just the lower half of the wall with tile or stone—a typical bathroom element—cover the entire wall and floor for a more modern look that has greater impact.





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