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INTERIOR DESIGN

A Masterful Spa

A SANCTUARY FOR HAPPY HOMEOWNERS | BY TROY BLEWETT

The new owners of this McLean home felt the existing bathroom was much too small. They had an adjacent sitting room, however, that was bigger than expected. And they were more than willing to give up space to have their dream bathroom. So they broke through walls and moved existing plumbing and duct work to gain space for their new master spa.

"Glass, tumbled marble and wood are the main elements of this stunning master spa," says Sonny Nazemian, president of Michael Nash Design, Build & Homes. "Focusing on high-end materials helped the homeowners achieve their design goals."

The focal point of the space is a glass-enclosed shower with multiple shower heads and body sprays combining marble and stone tile. Vessel sinks sit atop

a long floating, furniture-quality vanity offering plenty of storage.

A large whirlpool tub allows the homeowners to soak away the day's worries, while additional amenities include a heated floor, heated towel warmer and bidet/toilet combination.

"I recall the homeowners referring to their new master bathroom as their sanctuary," Nazemian says. "They are very pleased with the results."

Impressively, the stunning new spa was recognized by the Metro DC Chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI). The project was a Grand Award Winner at the Chapter's annual Contractor of the Year (CotY) awards in the Residential Bath \$50,001-\$75,000 category.

"To create an award-winning bath, the need to identify functionality, aesthetics and stylistic preferences is a necessity."

—Sonny Nazemian



A FULL-SERVICE REMODELER

Michael Nash is a design-build contractor capable of handling all phases of the remodeling project—from design to construction to finish work, even interior decorating.

“We realize the design process is critical to a successful outcome,” says Nazemian. “Our staff of experienced designers works with our customers to make their visions come alive. We are able to solve space and function problems based on our years of experience,” he says.

Michael Nash also handles all phases of construction. Because they employ the entire project team, they can better control quality, schedules and costs. “The majority of our work is done by Michael Nash employees,” Nazemian explains. “We have our own carpenters, licensed electricians and plumbers, so we can

take responsibility for the entire remodeling project,” he says. “This way we can keep our promises to our customers.”

Another service that sets Michael Nash apart from its competition is its interior design department, which is able to help customers put the finishing touches on their remodels to guarantee it meets their needs and lifestyle. Additionally, Michael Nash is the area’s first licensed contractor to introduce a comprehensive showroom—a useful consumer research facility that now features more than 22 fully assembled displays. This showroom allows them to review flooring, wall coverings, window treatments, lighting, faucets, countertops and more, all under one roof.

Wall to wall, floor to ceiling, Michael Nash handles the entire project.

Page 43: The new master bath features plenty of storage space with the spa shower adjacent to the whirlpool tub.

Above left: Vessel sinks sit atop a long floating, furniture-quality vanity offering plenty of storage; and the focal point of the space is a glass-enclosed shower with multiple shower heads and body sprays combining marble and stone tile.

Opposite: An overhead view of the glass-enclosed shower





Above: This page and opposite offer different views of the Michael Nash designed spa-like bath, complete with additional amenities that include a heated floor and heated towel warmer.



BATH TIPS TO FIT YOUR LIFESTYLE

Below are just a few of the questions the National Association for the Remodeling Industry (NARI) recommends you ask yourself when considering the design and function of your new bath.

- What features would make the bath more comfortable for you?
 - How would you like to use your bath?
 - Is this a family bath or master bath?
 - How many people will be using it?
 - Are there enough sinks and counter space for everyone?
 - Are there enough baths in the house or should you consider adding another room? (This is usually a concern as children reach their teen years and also with expanding families.)
 - Do you prefer to take showers or baths? If you like baths, would you prefer a tub and shower combination unit or separate facilities? Have you always wanted a claw-foot tub or would you rather install a whirlpool?

- Do you have adequate storage? To help you decide, make a list of all the items you need to store in the bath to ensure proper storage space in the plan. This list also should include cleaning agents, toiletries, linens, first aid items and medications. Indicate on this list where in the room you would like to store each of these items. For example, you may want some of the toiletries in the shower area, while others will be used by the sink or dressing area. Storage is one of the biggest concerns in any design, particularly in rooms as small as the typical bath. Carefully consider this aspect of the room during your preplanning phase.

- Have you considered the lighting in your bath?
- If the bath in question is a shared bath for the family, would a separation of the sinks from the rest of the room be helpful?
- Have you considered newer water-saving fixtures? (You can still obtain a water-rich environment with water-saving features.)

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