

Thinking Big

Making a small bath look large

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A master bath doesn't have to be palatial to be elegant and comfortable. While this home is 4,500 square feet, the master bathroom is only a 7x15-foot space, with two sinks, a soaking tub, dedicated shower and a separate vanity table. "It was kind of a challenge, since we also had to work around a chase built into the wall for a laundry chute," says project designer Connie Rabias-Sbarboro, of CRS Designs in Bolingbrook, Illinois. Subtle custom details, such as a framed mosaic tile pattern in the shower and the French-marble tub deck with matching countertop, add to the intimate atmosphere. Two windows, one separating the pair of sink bowls, provide ample natural light. ■





OPPOSITE: The tub area, framed in wood paneling, has a marble shelf with space for bathing essentials. A wave pattern in the tumbled-and-polished-marble mosaic border runs around the center of the room. **ABOVE:** Having a clear-glass enclosure on the full-size shower visually expands the room. A shower

bench, made of the same French marble used for the bathtub, pierces the glass and makes a small platform alongside to the toilet. Designer Connie Rabias-Sbarboro made good use of space by adding a linen-storage closet and drawers alongside the shower. **RIGHT:** The vanity table is positioned under a window.

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