



**THIS PHOTO** In a room full of eye-catching details, the tub niche draws attention for its elegant simplicity. **OPPOSITE** Shimmery mixed mosaic tiles in honed Thassos marble frame the vanity mirrors, creating a pleasing counterpoint to the smoky-gray marble countertops. The wall-mount faucet is finished in polished nickel.



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**DETAILS**

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Paisley wallpaper, shimmering tiles, and polished metals bring sophistication to a bath retreat for busy homeowners.



**THIS PHOTO** Dual vanities take advantage of the room's generous footprint. The oval window, not part of the original plans, was added when it became clear the bath would need more natural light.

**BEFORE A BATH CAN BECOME BEAUTIFUL**, there must be inspiration. For some, that inspiration may come from a curvaceous tub; for others, a sparkling chandelier. For Kristina Detter, it was a dramatic, high-impact paisley wallpaper that served as the jumping-off point for the new master bath in her family's Oakland home. With the wallpaper as her guide, designer Amy Fischer brought Kristina's visions of glamour and sophistication to life.

With a fast-paced lifestyle keeping her, husband Tony, and their two young daughters on the move, Kristina envisioned the bath as a place where life could slow down. She loved the idea of combining textures and materials in a limited color palette so the individual elements could shine. "I have very clear likes and dislikes," she says. "Amy was pivotal in expanding my horizons and providing materials for me that I otherwise would have never had access to or seen."

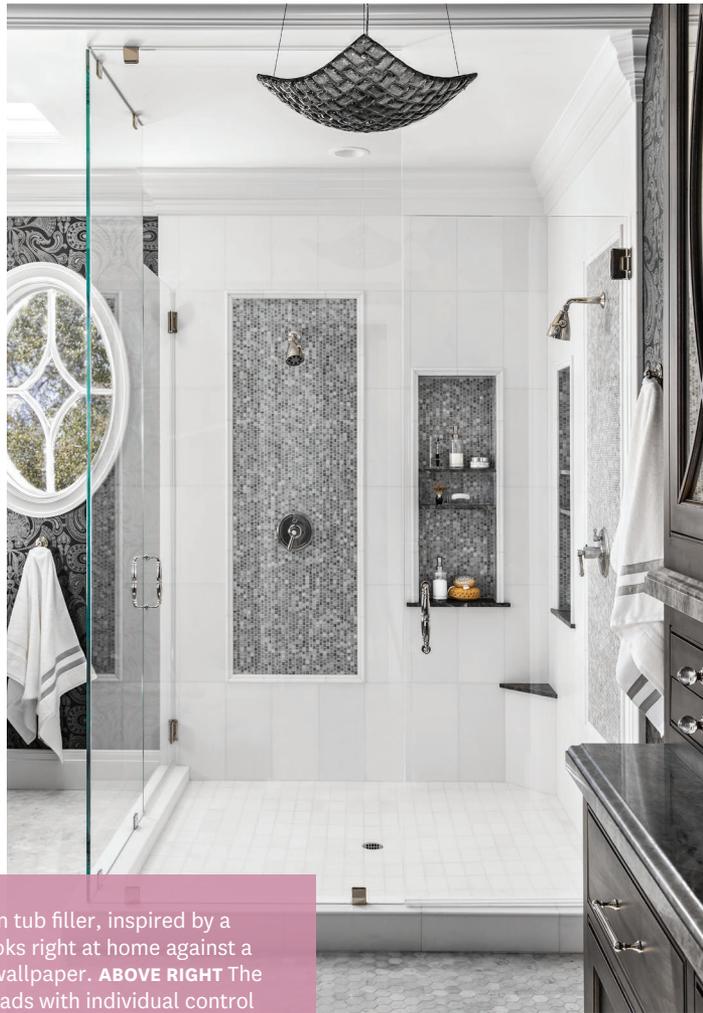
Natural light floods into the master bath through sizable windows and a skylight, bouncing off the marble mosaic tile.

Silvery-black wallpaper dresses up the barrel-vault ceiling and complements the dark paisley on the walls. Porcelain handles on the tub filler, slate gray quilted-glass pendants, and polished-nickel fixtures create a shimmer throughout—emulating Kristina's style. "Kristina is very glamorous," Fischer says. "She's always so well-appointed with beautiful jewelry, and we tried to mimic that glamour with the contrast of materials and polished-nickel finishes. It feels like a reflection of her personality."

A pair of matching vanities and a roomy walk-in shower with dual showerheads and controls make the bath function equally well for two as for one. There are no traffic jams—and no clutter, thanks to a custom hutch that corrals overflow items.

Kristina relishes the quiet time her new bath affords. "Our bathroom is a total respite from life," she says. "It's truly a sanctuary away from everything else."

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**ABOVE LEFT** The reproduction tub filler, inspired by a mid-19th-century design, looks right at home against a backdrop of classic paisley wallpaper. **ABOVE RIGHT** The shower's separate showerheads with individual control systems plus two doors accommodate two people with ease. **BELOW LEFT** Blue-gray mosaic tile highlights tall storage niches in the shower. **BELOW RIGHT** Designer Amy Fischer created a custom hutch—adorned with antiqued mirrors and beveled marble countertops—as an extension of the dressing area and a central space for linens and bathing supplies.

