



Romantically inspired

Pretty and traditional decorative features hark back to an earlier era, creating a dreamy atmosphere in the bathroom of this master suite

Drawing on rich, decorative detailing and images from a bygone era and incorporating them into the interior design helps to create an intimate ambiance.

The owners of this home wanted to renovate their master bedroom suite to become a private, romantic retreat. They asked kitchen designer Heather Hungeling, design director of Clive Christian, Atlanta, to remodel the existing bathroom.

It had an angled entrance off the hallway, creating a space that was full of corners and lots of awkward and wasted

space. The closets were small and cramped, and the suite didn't fit in with the style of the rest of the house.

To correct these problems, rather than redecorate, the owners and the designer decided the best solution was to gut the entire master suite. It was then redesigned using straight, rather than angled, lines.

"This created the opportunity to have a much larger walk-in closet, a capacious double steam shower, a bathtub, two vanities and sinks, and a separate toilet," says Hungeling.

Facing page: The master suite of this home has been completely refurbished. The old space had an angular design that created a lot of wasted space and awkwardly shaped rooms. Heather Hungeling of Clive Christian Atlanta redesigned the space using more conventional lines and the result is a master suite that is much roomier and more convenient for the owners. An arched pocket door connects the bedroom and bathroom.

Above: While the master bedroom is transitional in style, the bathroom is more traditional with Victorian-style cabinetry and decorative features.



Above: The new bathroom includes two vanities and a large double steam shower that covers the full width of the bathroom.

Facing page, top: A freestanding bathtub is set in its own alcove overlooking the garden.

Facing page, right: Decorative columns and a lowered ceiling featuring a moulded cornice frame the vintage-look nickel bathtub.

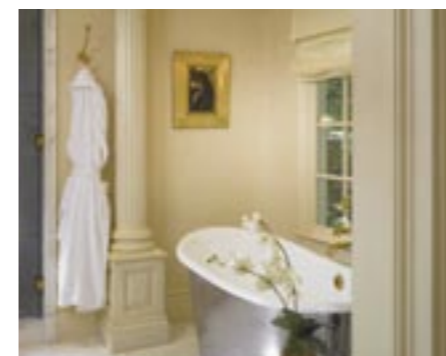
Legend for plan: 1 Steam shower, 2 Vanities, 3 Bathtub, 4 Toilet, 5 Closet, 6 Bedroom entrance foyer, 7 Bedroom.

The owners had seen and admired a Victorian-style bathroom at the Clive Christian showroom and felt that it represented the look and ambiance they wanted for their master suite.

The new cabinetry is ornate, featuring moulded, beaded inset doors with raised panels, and decorative, reeded pilasters defining each side of the vanity cupboards. To emphasize the cabinetry's Victorian design, walls, shelves and cabinets are all painted in a delicate shade of white and finished with a soft glaze.

For added romance, the designer created an intimate space within the bathroom for the freestanding, hammered nickel tub. This deep, old-fashioned-style tub is centered beneath a window overlooking the garden, and below a paneled drop-down ceiling. Edged with dentil cornices and framed by two decorative columns, this alcove introduces an element of drama into the bathroom.

Again, to simplify the space, Calacatta Gold marble has been used for the countertops, floor and shower.



Bathroom designer: Clive Christian Atlanta
Main contractor: Buckhead Renovations
Tub, basin, shower fittings, toilet: Waterworks
Vanity cabinetry: Clive Christian Victorian style with antique linen finish
Vanity top: Calacatta Gold Marble
Faucets: Julia in unlacquered brass from Waterworks
Shower stall: Calacatta Gold marble
Wallcoverings: Antique Linen painted faux finish by Painted Illusions
Tile flooring: Calacatta Gold

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