

Stellar Bath, Style That Lasts

This space will have you dreaming. Subtle colors, pretty light fixtures, and a handful of classic details create a room that inspires.

Homes built today have mega master baths. That isn't the case with houses constructed in the 1920s. Back then, you were lucky to fit a tub into the petite dimensions allotted. So when the modern lifestyle calls for a larger bath but your home's existing floor plan isn't compliant, what do you do? Borrow space from a room next door. Knoxville homeowners Leilah and Mike Hatcher relied on the expertise of designer Todd Richesin to help them turn a book-laden study into a just-this-side-of-luxe master bath.

Calming Color Palette

To change this hardworking room into a more serene space, Todd started with neutral materials fitting for a French Provincial-style home. Marble counter-



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When this space was a study, the niches flanking the fireplace overflowed with books. Removing the built-ins from the newly created bath makes room for accent furniture.

tops, limestone floors, and cream-colored walls are classic elements that will never go out of style. Punches of color in the space come from the rug, artwork, and a floral fabric on the windows. "Whenever you need a fresh look, all you have to do is change a fabric or wall color," Todd says.


Elegant Elements

The fireplace is the obvious focal point in this room—and what a luxury. Leilah and Mike kept the existing mantel but updated the surround with limestone. Fluted trim, tapered legs, and antique brass hardware give the vanity a more furniture-like appearance.

The vanity was built to appear as a piece of freestanding furniture with a Louis XVI influence. Pretty gold sconces flank a large custom mirror. Notice the wall sconces are paired with recessed lighting. This creates a balance of light, so that it's not as harsh.

The multihead shower and the whirlpool tub are definite indulgences that make this a modern bath. When these up-to-date elements are combined with decorative touches, such as the vanity and chandelier, the room blends in seamlessly with the style of the home.

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