

Bathing Beauties

PLAN YOUR DREAM BATHROOM WITH THESE TIPS FROM THE PROS.

Turn the ensuite into a luxe getaway. Calgary architect Richard Davignon thinks about ensuite design as a series of rooms, each pivoted around the main vanity space—dressing rooms, shower room and water closet all rotate around the one central space, creating a luxe, hotel-like getaway. Here, the long and narrow shower room—enclosed behind curtains rather than glass—gets a view of the garden, and has plenty of elbow room for two.



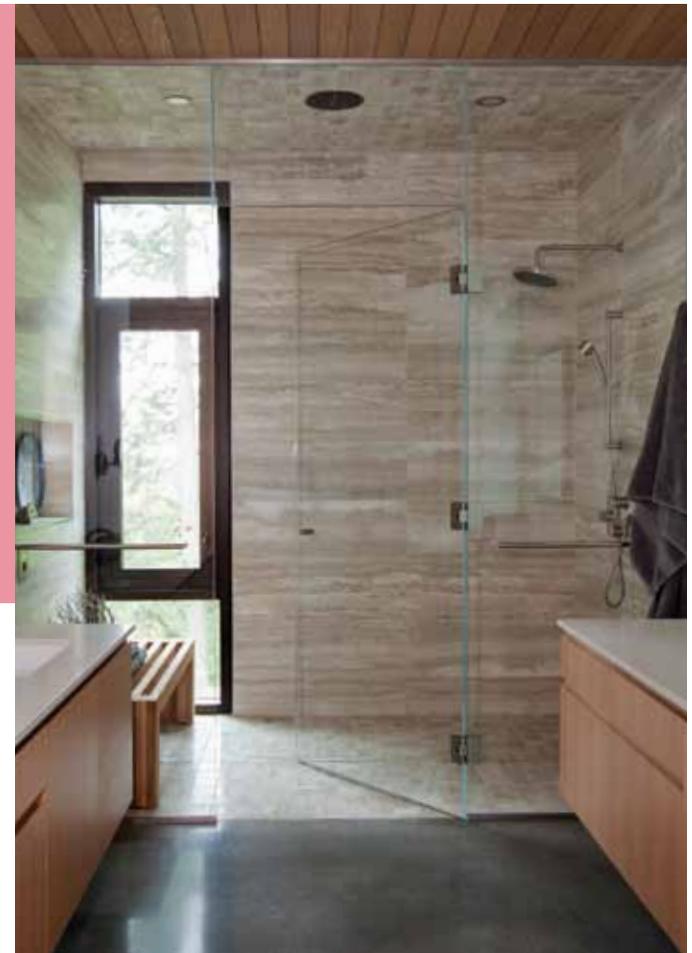
Take advantage of natural light. When the homeowner was renovating the upper level of her home, designer Negar Reihani of Space Harmony suggested she position the ensuite shower under the skylight, creating a rare opportunity to bathe in natural light. Clad in natural stone, the simple space doesn't need many bells and whistles to shine: a wraparound bench, a gorgeous sunny day, and it's a room made for luxuriating in.

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Use one material throughout for a statement-making design. Designer Karin Bohn of Moeski Design Agency loves the look of marble in a bathroom—and even more so when it's everywhere. The white and bright material covers the floors, the walls and the lining of the shower (with smaller mosaic tile on the floor to provide grip and the right angle for drainage). Framed mirrors offer just enough visual break and serve to warm up the cool marble, too.



Disguise the shower drain and you'll get a more comfortable floor. You'll have to look closely to spot the drain in this South Pender Island bathroom, designed by Tanja Hinder and Carrie McCarthy of Marrimor: it's just two thin lines running along the floor. But the simple concept pays off: the floor of the steam shower is comfortable underfoot, perfect to spend as much time as you'd like in there.



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