A band of marble mosaic tile frames the freestanding tub and the vanity on the opposite wall (not shown). Sheer draperies have a wavy pattern that complements the tile. OPPOSITE The chandelier’s circles and swoops resemble contemporary jewelry.
graceful transition

An airy, clean-lined bath blends safety, sophistication, and soothing luxury.

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THERE'S NO FIGHTING OVER THE BATHROOM FOR SALLY AND TED GREEN.

That's because the master suite in their Atlanta home boasts two separate baths. And now that one of the baths has been remodeled with a luxurious soaking tub and walk-in shower, the formerly dated space has become Sally's private spa.

Designer Mary Kathryn Timoney teamed with interior designer Leigh Nunnery to remodel the bathroom, adding a dramatic tall window that showcases a garden view and floods the room with natural light. Adding even more visual interest is a marble mosaic, which forms a wide band that visually links the vanity to a freestanding tub across the room. The wavy pattern of the tile complements curved muntins in the transom window, which are repeated on a mirrored cabinet next to the vanity. A contemporary chrome chandelier extends the feminine shapes overhead. "It looks like silver bracelets," Nunnery says.

The room's second "big wow" is a sliding door made of aqua-color glass. Suspended from a chrome rail, the glass panel serves both the toilet compartment and a curbless shower, which are located opposite the window. "The glass door glides beautifully and eliminates the need for cased openings," Timoney says. "Since this bath is for one person, there is never a time when both compartments have to be closed at once." In fact, the garden view is private, so closing the door to the shower is optional.

Because Sally has Parkinson's disease and uses a wheelchair, the designers created the bath with her needs in mind. "I love this bathroom more every day," Sally says. "It's not ADA-specific, but it functions well for me." The design includes several features appropriate for aging in place. The threshold-free shower is free of tripping hazards, for example, and the mosaic flooring in the shower and toilet area increases traction underfoot. Sculptural acrylic-resin grab bars prove that high style and safety measures are not mutually exclusive. And the spacious layout leaves plenty of maneuvering room—a key feature for accessibility.

Durable in form as well as function, this extraordinary bath will be a rejuvenating retreat for many years to come.

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A PENTHOUSE APARTMENT OVERLOOKING THE ATLANTA SKYLINE CALLS FOR ROOMS THAT SHINE AS BRIGHTLY AS THE GLITTERING URBAN VIEW. That's why the homeowners asked bathroom designer Matthew Quinn and interior designer Bill Stewart to create a master bath worthy of the vista and as elegant as surrounding rooms.

The designers showcased a refined palette of silver, gray, and white—neutral shades that lighten or deepen depending on the amount of light that comes through a dramatic floor-to-ceiling window at room's end. That lone window—the axis of a symmetrical floor plan—is framed by metallic-gray drapery panels that filter light beautifully while adding texture to the monochromatic setting.

The bathroom's cabinets feature a satiny pewter-gray finish that complements the lustrous platinum-and-white marble surfaces throughout: countertops, flooring, the shower surround, and even the wainscoting that raises two toilet compartments to luxury status. Glass knobs and pulls, acrylic chairs, polished-nickel fixtures, and multiple mirrors above each vanity reflect the sunlight—or moonlight—that washes over the room depending on the time of day.

The design also includes numerous conveniences built for two. Dual vanities are positioned on opposite walls to give each spouse plenty of elbowroom when getting ready for the day. His vanity includes easy-to-access medicine cabinets behind the mirrors, while her vanity has a custom makeup drawer and a cabinet for hair dryers and accessories. A spa-quality shower and two toilet compartments are accessed via an art-lined hallway that connects the main bath space to the master bedroom.

"This is such a luxurious bathroom with nice attention to detail," Stewart says. "They designed it for hanging out together, but they each have their own space, which is ideal."

When the owners want to enjoy the space together, they can sit on an elegant upholstered bench positioned in front of the arch-top window. With its deep button-detailed cushion and shapely cabriole legs, the silvery bench is every bit as alluring as the skyline beyond.

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DESIGN STRATEGY

Make room for artwork in your bathroom. The sculpture niches in this bath were planned during the layout stage. Sculptures or paintings on canvas (rather than paper) work well in a bathroom’s humid environment.
precious metals

Shimmering surfaces, elegant cabinetry, and hidden appliances set the standard for luxe living.
Centered beneath a spectacular vaulted ceiling, this sophisticated kitchen fuses glamorous details with utilitarian features concealed behind mirrored and glass-front doors. The dining table's curved end repeats the circular motif seen on the attached island.
AS THE CO-OWNER OF AN UPSCALE JEWELRY STORE IN ATLANTA'S BUCKHEAD DISTRICT, Lynne Halpern knows all about the art of accessorizing Atlanta's elite. Mixing metals. Layering different looks. Expressing one's personal style with jewels. All are part of her store's trendy appeal.

So when it came time for Lynne and her husband, Jack, to remodel their penthouse kitchen, they asked designer Matthew Quinn to downplay the room's practical nature. "I wanted the kitchen to be pretty, since it's right off the sitting area where we spend the most time," Lynne says.

The symmetrical space looks more like a stylish living room than a kitchen destined for cooking. As with many fashion-forward looks, the space shows off a tastefully neutral foundation: creamy white walls and the same limestone flooring selected for the rest of the home by interior designer Bill Stewart. The glam level ramps up with the countertops, for which Quinn chose Calacatta Viola marble accented by dramatic streaks of taupe and deep violet.

The marble's veining inspired the cabinetry's painted taupe finish, which was glazed to bring out the shapely contours of recessed door panels. Select upper cabinets feature seeded-glass door inserts; others sport mirrored fronts that reflect the room's architecture while hiding the contents. (Both types of inserts wear curved fretwork that enhances the overall look of the kitchen.) Polished-nickel hardware adds a jeweler's touch to the cabinet doors and drawer fronts.

Elegance reaches the center of the room via a furniture-style island with a matching marble top and panels that display a circular fretwork pattern that's similar to that on the perimeter cabinets. An attached table infuses the kitchen with the warmth of wood—a gleaming cherry that pulls out tones seen in the range wall's shimmering backsplash. Polished-aluminum chairs and a mirrored inset on the table pedestal glamorize the casual dining area.

Because the homeowners did not want the kitchen to look utilitarian, the cooktop is the only exposed appliance in the whole room. "I love paneling appliances and wanted to test my abilities with this kitchen," Quinn says. "Every single appliance with the exception of the cooktop is either paneled or hidden behind retractable doors."

That treatment even includes the wall ovens, which—along with a full-size refrigerator, freezer, appliance alcove, and pullout pantries—are hidden behind mirrored panels. "Because the home is fairly formal in design, we wanted the kitchen to have that same elegant refinement," Quinn says about the finished space. All the guests who look in vain for appliances amid gleaming and glazed surfaces can attest to the results.

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An oval tub sits between a glass-enclosed shower and an elegant seating area in this Atlanta bathroom. **OPPOSITE** Decorative accessories and a rococo-style mirror add style above a fireplace.
A showhouse bath provides a luxurious space for two that rivals any traditional living area.
MARRIAGE IS ALL ABOUT BALANCE—SOMETIMES YOU WANT TO BE TOGETHER, and other times you would like your own space. Atlanta kitchen and bath designer Matthew Quinn and interior designer Clay Snider took note of this simple truth when they designed the bathroom for the Atlanta Symphony Showhouse. “A majority of our clients want separate his-and-her bathrooms,” Quinn says. The space in this showhouse didn’t allow for two complete master bathrooms, so they created the next best thing by designing separate but equal spaces within a 17x20-foot room.

The bath’s symmetrical layout centers around a shared bathing space in the middle of the room. Here, a freestanding tub with a wall-mounted tub filler sits in front of a large walk-through shower with a glass enclosure that shows off multiple showerheads and distinctive tile panels. The spacious shower features doors on either side, which open to separate grooming areas—each with its own vanity and separate toilet compartment. One side of the room includes a dressing table, while the opposite side features a cozy sitting area. The mirror-image floor plan allows the homeowners to interact with each other or relax on their own when desired. “It’s the best of both worlds,” Quinn says.

Elegant details throughout the space ensure that the bathroom feels as luxurious as any living room. Calacatta Gold marble tile adds a classic beauty to the floor, while decorative tile panels in the shower provide an eye-catching accent behind the tub. Overhead, a crystal-and-brass chandelier adds drama in keeping with the home’s 1920s Italian baroque architecture.

Drapery also elevates the bathroom’s status from a utilitarian space to a luxurious living area. Snider not only hung linen draperies at windows, but he also hung them perpendicular to both sides of the sink vanities and in front of the dressing table. The draperies add softness but also act as architectural elements that help to define areas within the room. “We wanted the bathroom to feel like a special place, a respite,” Snider says. “The layers of draperies add drama and luxury.”

The designers also retained an existing fireplace, which serves as a cozy backdrop for a sitting area at one side of the tub. They debated about taking out a rococo-style mirror above the fireplace but ultimately decided to keep it. It now serves as a focal-point anchor for a wall of artwork. “I encourage my clients to collect things they love,” Snider says. “And I wanted to show that you can hang art in any room. What better way to see your art collection than lying in your freestanding tub?”

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"WE WANTED THE BATHROOM TO FEEL LIKE A SPECIAL PLACE, A RESPITE."

Clay Snider, interior designer
THIS PHOTO A sculptural tub made of engineered stone takes advantage of city views, thanks to a glass “conservatory” that juts out from the rest of the bathroom.

OPPOSITE A sleek, single-lever faucet complements the bath’s contemporary lines.
view from the top

A designer's penthouse bath celebrates high style and stunning views of the Atlanta skyline.

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STEPPING INTO THIS 22ND-FLOOR PENTHOUSE BATHROOM, THE AMAZING VIEWS OF THE ATLANTA SKYLINE TAKE CENTER STAGE. So it’s easy to understand why the views helped sell designer Matthew Quinn and his partner, Ric Parrish, on the space. “Ric and I were visiting the building with a friend who was interested in moving, and we flipped out over the views,” Matthew says. Needless to say, they were the ones who did the moving—and they created a stylish bathroom that gives the stunning city view a run for its money.

The star attraction of the bathroom is a contemporary freestanding tub that’s placed on a pedestal two steps up from the rest of the bathroom. Surrounded by windows, the tub offers the perfect place to soak up surrounding views. “We were able to build this glass conservatory for the bathtub, which gives us the feeling of bathing outside,” Matthew says. The tub itself is from Matthew’s Intarcia collection and features a flared, contemporary style. “Growing up around boats in Key West definitely influenced the lines of this tub,” Matthew says.

If time doesn’t allow for a luxurious soak, Matthew and Ric can step into the spacious steam shower, which anchors one long wall of the bathroom. With a built-in bench, multiple showerheads, and built-in storage niches, it seamlessly blends smart function and spa-like pampering. Silver-veined travertine brings dramatic veining and color variation to the shower surfaces and repeats the material used on the steps up to the focal-point tub.

A large-scale anthracite porcelain tile brings bold contrast to the floor and connects the shower to the vanity on the bathroom’s opposite wall. Here, sleek cabinet fronts show off a mix of high-gloss lacquer and wood finishes. Above-counter square sinks are from the same design collection as the tub and repeat its flared sides for dramatic effect. Sleek cabinet pulls add to the modern look, while tall mirrored medicine cabinets above each sink hold everyday grooming items as well as electrical outlets. The interior of the vanity cabinets features smart storage that Matthew finds just as pleasing as any of the bathroom’s stylish elements. “I find peace when I open my vanity drawers with custom plexiglass inserts and see individual compartments for dental floss, ChapStick, scissors, nail clippers, and cotton balls,” he says.

From the smallest detail to the large sweeps of stone tile, this bathroom seems to have it all: smart function, high style, and amazing city views. The only surprising thing is how Matthew and Ric manage to leave the room at all.

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ABOVE RIGHT Vanity drawers feature a high-gloss lacquer that contrasts with the wood cabinet doors. Engineered-stone sinks repeat the tub’s contemporary styling. RIGHT A frameless glass enclosure shows off the shower’s silver-veined travertine. A mix of tile sizes adds visual interest.
1 Built-in niches add smart storage in the shower; they’re backed by mosaic tile that repeats on the shower floor. A built-in bench pairs practical function and style.

2 Travertine steps create a pedestal for the focal-point tub, which features a contemporary design with flared lines. Linen curtains add softness to the tub alcove; just beyond, a rooftop deck offers another way to enjoy the city views.

3 High-gloss lacquer drawers lend a stylish look to the vanity. Inside, plexiglass inserts keep small items organized. 4 A narrow hallway at one side of the shower leads to a separate toilet compartment. Textured walls lend subtle drama.

5 The tub filler’s chrome finish repeats in glimmering accents around the room.