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A sophisticated take on familiar elements—from stunning surfaces to a clever shower—adds style and an illusion of greater space.

A PLACE TO PERCH

A tub with a ledge wide enough to sit on offers the safest entry into the water.



TAKING THE CURVE A mahogany vanity with a bowed front and a marble top cut to match, above, brings the look of furniture to the bath.

GEOMETRY CLASS An eye-catching mosaic, left, presents a stylish mix of marble. Matching slabs around the shower wall base and the tub surround contribute timeless beauty. Oversize ceramic tiles with matching grout can create a similar effect for less.

REMOVING A WALL in Ann and David Stolfa's bath created an instant sense of spaciousness. After combining the shower and tub behind glass to create what they call a "wet room," then bathing the walls and tub in a sea of carrara and Thassos marble tile, the couple's newly opened space felt even airier.

The geometric pattern of the tile design also sheathes the space in sophisticated style. "I wanted to stick with a classic pattern but use it in an interesting way," interior designer Kristi Dinner says. To complete the modern elegance of the bath, the Stolfas chose a furniture-style double vanity inspired by a 1940s dresser.