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# Kitchen

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# hotel amenities

## STEAM SHOWER, AIR TUB AND SAUNA MAKE FOR A SPACIOUS AT-HOME VACATION RETREAT

### WISH LIST

- Luxury space with custom carved cabinetry, marble and limestone surfaces, walk-in steam shower and big air tub
- His-and-her vanities

To fashion the desired French ambience, Decker decided on a rich neutral palette that mixed materials and patterns—some a bit updated and even modern, so the room wouldn't seem stuck in the past. Decker had cherry custom cabinetry crafted with oversized turned legs, big baseboard molding and curved marble tops with double-edge edging, all to create some drama and fit the oversized scale of the room, which has a 12'-high ceiling. The raised lavatories on both vanities add the more modern feeling and were sculpted from white bronze by artist Julie Wawrta. To repeat the cabinetry's curves, Decker edged the raised tub with a rounded marble deck. Because of the room's large size, 260 square feet, Decker could incorporate several patterns, including a collage of glass tiles with randomly placed floor-deck-style diamonds in powder, and carved travertine used around the mirrors, as a backsplash behind the tub and on some shower walls. He varied the materials on the main floor by selecting travertine tile interspersed with acid-washed limestone installations; he used more travertine along the shower floor and Rocchennare limestone for the walls. Both mirrors and the interior window behind the tub were framed in molding made from Novara honed travertine, which adds a level of finish associated with high-end design. For softness and warmth, Decker painted walls a warm greenish-gold and hung an oversized brass and smoked-glass light fixture.



floor plan



**ABOVE:** The master bath has an air tub, walk-in steam shower, toilet room and two vanities.

**ABOVE LEFT:** The raised tub offers great views of the landscape beyond.

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**LOCATION:** Irvine, IV  
**DIMENSIONS:** 13' x 22'

**>>> SPECIAL FEATURES:**  
 Large shower that's also a steam room, two vanities with built-in vanity that assembles furniture and has sculptural raised sinks

made by an artist, Medallion designs on the floor

### PRODUCTS USED:

- Cabinetry: Milano Design, cherry cabinetry, Laguna, UT
- Air tub: Bain Ultra, Arma Oval

- Floor tiles: Camel Stone, Sand City, CA, 24" x 24" antique light slate/antique travertine tiles; metal/bronze tiles set of acid-washed limestone from Chadwick Surfaces, Chicago
- Marble: Breccia Orizzonti from Concepts collection

- Backsplash tiles: Doane Side Cities Tile, Lantham Merlot/antique metal tiles, Fremont, CA
- Lighting: Fire Art Lamps, Brooklyn collection, Miami Lakes, FL
- Sinks: Wawrta
- Faucets: Pfister