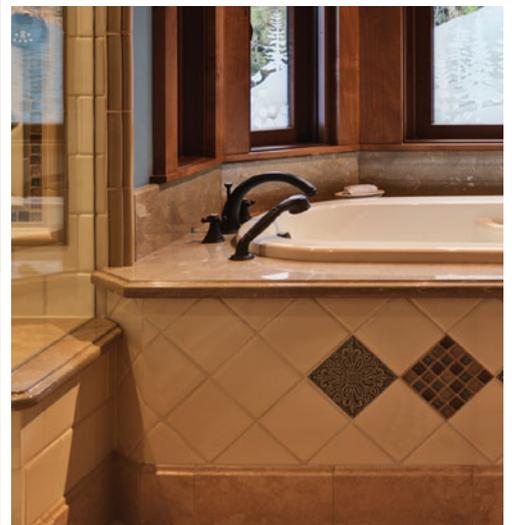
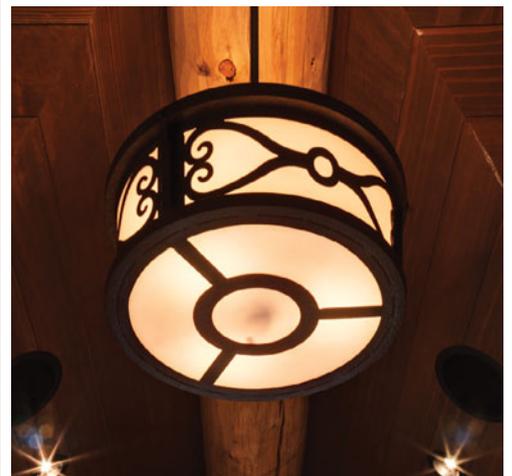


# Luxe Lodgings

A Bay Area couple and their designer create an earthy yet refined master bath

By Stephanie Herzfeld



Crafted from rough-hewn logs and sturdy bricks, the home that houses this rustic retreat gives the impression of being generations old—much to the delight of its owners, John and Cynthia Lovewell—but, in fact, it isn't.

Nestled among the forest-like setting of Lake Tahoe's western shoreline, the vacation home is actually new construction. In keeping with the timeworn facade, its master bathroom (a haven within a haven) perfectly complements the old-time-y exterior, thanks to Marcio Decker, a designer with Home Concepts and owner of Aspen Leaf Interiors. "The clients wanted the home and the bathroom to have the feeling of having been there for 80 to 90 years," he explained. "They knew they wanted a cabin look" and were familiar with traditional cabin styles and design references, so a clear-cut theme for the bath was easily established.

On that note, the "Old Tahoe lodge-style" bath was underway. Situated on the second floor of the home, the resulting 210-sq.-ft. space—even at first glance—far surpasses the bucolic-polished hybrid ideal

originally envisioned. Upon stepping into the vanity area, which is adorned with rich, inlaid cabinetry, one can't help but be wowed by the custom, etched-glass pocket doors that separate it from the tub and steam shower. "Incorporating the patterned etched glass was just one of the ways we brought the lodge theme to the bath in an elegant way," Decker said. The glass also offers privacy, which both Decker and the homeowners appreciate.

Once past the pocket doors, a richly hued redwood ceiling, punctuated with a large decorative pendant and a stained log beam, adds drama to the tub area. Forest-themed etched windows, which surround the tub on three sides, work in conjunction with the ceiling to bring the outdoors in, visually tying the bathroom to the rest of the home.

Beyond the etched-glass doors and windows, Decker underscored the bath's theme with subtle touches. These include applying varying shades of blue to the walls surrounding the tub, as well as those in the vanity area. "Lake Tahoe's blue waters were the main inspiration for the bathroom's color scheme," he explained. Light Moonstone travertine flooring was installed to resemble a rug-like "runner" between the

vanity and main bathing areas, thus melding the two spaces, while rustic hardware and wall sconces bring out and offset the natural redwood tones of the cabinetry and ceiling throughout.

In the end, the bath is a serene and calming space, "but also offers energy," Decker said. And what could be a better balance for a vacation getaway than that? ■



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