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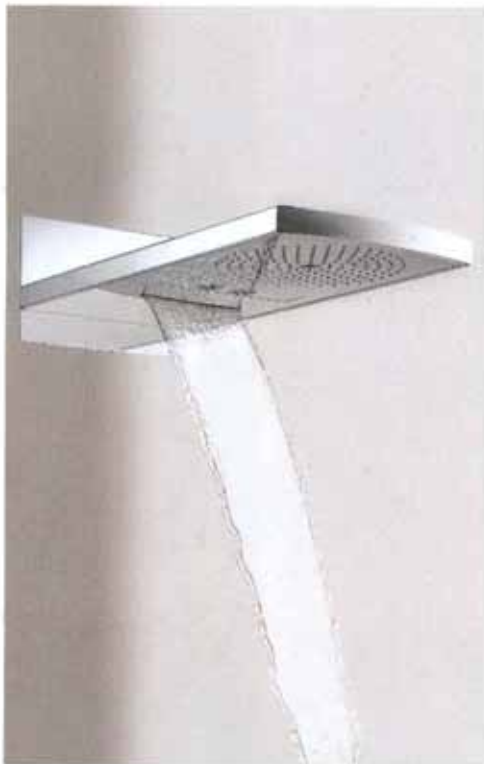
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Rain Supreme // The new Raindance Rainfall from Hansgrohe is the world's first horizontal, multifunctional "rain panel." Created with Hansgrohe's longtime partner, Phoenix Design of Stuttgart and Tokyo, the system installs flush against the wall and features three luxurious spray modes—including a torrent-spray setting, which mimics the feel of a tropical cascade. The slender, minimalist silhouette and chrome or brushed nickel finish impart an unassuming elegance. Hansgrohe, www.hansgrohe-usa.com.



Come to Your Senses // Spoil yourself every day with the distinctive AVEO bathroom assemblage. Created by Conran & Partners exclusively for Villeroy & Boch, it bestows a natural and luxuriant sensory impression. Villeroy & Boch, www.villeroy-boch.com.



In-Depth Indulgence //
The latest freestanding tub in the MTI lineup, the new Japanese-inspired Yume offers a generous depth for extreme relaxation. A crescent-shaped seating bench is positioned low to the floor for maximum immersion. The Yume can be outfitted as a soaker or air bath and measures 52 inches round. Photo courtesy of MTI Whirlpools, www.mtiwhirlpools.com.



Metropolitan Makeover //

Immerse your scrub zone in a living-room look with MTI Whirlpools bath furniture in Metro. Beautifully handcrafted of fine hardwood, the sleek Contemporary Tub Surround was designed for the Metro 1 and Metro 2 models (MTDS-83 and 84). Complete the chic retreat with a matching vanity (FNVC). Available in different configurations and finishes. Photo courtesy of MTI Whirlpools, www.mtiwhirlpools.com.



Clever Cleansing // Simple, convenient showering is at your fingertips with the brawny—and brainy!—HANSASMARTSHOWER. Select from a soothing mist or power spray, full-body spray, or hand shower—all at the touch of a button. Get it in the basic version that employs your existing valve or gain some extra goodness with the special-order thermostatic valve. HANSA, www.hansaamerica.net.



H2-Ohhh! // Designed with an ageless mix of graceful lines and simple beauty, the freestanding Americh Contura Collection intersects fashion and function in the freestanding 72-inch Contura tub. Footless construction channels a sense of permanence, creating a focal point around which the other bathroom elements can be anchored. The extra-deep Contura II model is ideal for bathers who really want to immerse themselves in tranquility. Both tubs can be ordered with the optional Airbath, which infuses the water with thousands of tiny body-caressing air bubbles. Americh, www.americh.com.



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SPECIAL FEATURES

Angled tub placement,
 waterfall, framed mosaic
 tile insert, angled
 custom cabinetry layout,
 tile-framed mirrors

DIMENSIONS

15' x 11'

PRODUCTS USED

Tile: Alfa Ceramiche
 Nepal Sanjani with
 accents
Cabinetry: Ultracraft
 Destiny in Shaker Wide
 Cherry
Mirrors: Custom
 frameless installation
Sinks: Kohler Caxton
 undermount
Tub: MTI Whirlpool
Toilet: Kohler Cimarron
Shower Door: Custom
 frameless enclosure
Vanity Tops: Atlantic
 Black granite
Lights: Ginger Surface
 Collection
Plumbing Supplies:
 Danze Parmaline in
 chrome
Drawer Pulls: Dekkor in
 chrome
Other: Zehnder towel
 radiator

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Innovative Angles

FACED WITH A BORING BATHROOM PALETTE and a vacant whirlpool tub, the owners of this Naperville, Illinois, master bath knew it was time for a remodel. With all of the design challenges that lay before them, the homeowners were overwhelmed. But after hearing a proposed solution from their designer, Jessica A. Todd of Casa Bella Design Center, the owners knew they'd have their dream room after all. Todd based her plan on an innovative use of angles, which is evident in the out-of-the-box design scheme. An angled tub deck helps enlarge the shower space, while the angled entry and frameless enclosure add aesthetic interest. Two recessed niches and a shower seat lend functionality to the room's flair. Todd continued the angled theme by crafting a custom his-and-hers vanity area featuring a large central linen cabinet.

To complete the look, the designer installed cool blue tile to contrast with the warm cherry cabinets. The vanity area sports a custom tiled-mirror treatment with floating light fixtures to reflect the room's soothing colors and light. Chrome plumbing and accessories add sparkle. With its carefully crafted concept, Casa Bella delivered a design that met and exceeded the homeowners' expectations. *Learn more about this designer at www.casabelladesigncenter.com*



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