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Five stunning retreats give
bath time new meaning



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The master bath in a new home in Annapolis is truly one of a kind—from its novel layout to its custom tile work and towel racks. Collaborating on its design with architect Jeffrey Halpern and Pyramid Builders, designer Susan Gulick calls her clients' waterfront home “a dream project in every way.”

However, designing the bath presented several challenges. Its open, square space “made it tight getting in a decent shower and tub,” says Gulick, who placed the vanities, tub and shower around the perimeter. “It seemed kind of boring, so we ended up with a curved glass wall on the shower, and the tub picks up the curve. We wanted it to have some sex appeal and an organic feel.”

The bathroom's vaulted ceiling presented a dilemma for lighting installation; Gulick selected a circular chandelier from Tech Lighting that provides a decorative twist.

In search of truly unique tile, she discovered a new collection from Virginia-based New Ravenna. Its free-form motif, reminiscent of dandelion or sea grass tendrils, was a perfect fit. “Even though the house is on the water, our clients didn't want anything cutesy or sailboaty,” Gulick explains. “They wanted a very sophisticated look, but we could allude to being on the water.” She worked with New Ravenna to customize the color, size and format of the tiles—and they now make a dramatic statement in the shower. Emperador marble walls and Calacatta marble floors from Best Tile, and bands of stone and mosaic envelop the space in texture, color and style.

Curved glass walls, partially frosted for privacy, screen off the shower and separate commode at the far end of the bath (opposite). Susan Gulick worked with New Ravenna to customize the glass-tile motif in the shower (top, left). Clad in Calacatta marble, the curved tub (top, right) enjoys a water view. Gulick designed stainless-steel towel racks (above) on the twin vanities from Lobkovich Kitchen Designs.

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