



A stone passage separates shagreen vanities framed in custom glass panels (opposite). A mosaic-tile floor from Italy graces the shower (pictured here), which opens to a steam room with a reclaimed timber bench (right).



Worldly Opulence

When a homeowner purchased a McLean, Virginia, residence, he put it on a fast track for renovation. The design team, including architect David Cooper and interior designer William Paley, found inspiration in the many luxe hotel bathrooms their client has visited, and combed the globe for materials of the highest quality that would create a completely unique sanctuary, according to Patricia Tetro, project leader for BOWA, the renovation contractor. Custom elements include lacquered doors from Hong Kong, mosaic tiles from Italy, a travertine tub from Mexico and shagreen vanities from France framed by *verre églomisé* panels gilded in platinum-leaf Arabic letters.

From private dressing areas, a stone passage leads past twin vanities toward the tub—which is so large that it had to be lowered into the space by crane. To the left is an open shower with a rain shower and a waterfall shower. Here glass doors open to a soothing steam room with wood slats mounted to the wall and a sculptural bench made of reclaimed timber by Jerome Abel.

“It’s all very *courant*, but still very livable,” says Tetro. “It’s not just a showpiece. The clients use it every day.” ♦

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