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THAT SPA FEELING

In a historic Englewood home, a designer transforms the master bathroom to meet the homeowners' needs, giving it a spirit of calming luxury.

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An older couple from Englewood felt it was time to revamp their outdated, tiled 1970s-style bathroom. So they asked designer Jennifer Vreeland of JV Design in Englewood Cliffs to create a spa-like oasis that also maximized storage in a small space. "There was a big tub, but they needed a walk-in shower with a seat, and there was no place for storage except for a tiny crevice in the corner," says Vreeland. "They wanted a beautiful space that was brighter and had way more storage."

The designer and her construction partner, Stephen Abrahamson of Clockwork Construction, got to work by gutting the entire space and pulling out the tub. This allowed them to install a double-bowl sink, a walk-in shower with a seat and a glass door, as well as a custom built-in shelving and storage area. Vreeland maximized the floor space too, using the same limestone tile from The Tile Shop in both the oversized shower and the floor itself. "This leads the eye all the way to the wall, creating one big open area," she says.

As for the color palette? "Spa-like to me means natural colors, so I used light stone, lots of creams and lemon hues and pops of accessories," says Vreeland of the Farrow & Ball paint choices. She decided against white because the clients craved "texture and warmth," but she also wanted to ensure the space was gender-neutral for the husband and wife.

The finished product is the perfect complement to the rest of this traditional home—warm and pretty, yet with practical, modern touches. "The clients love this bathroom but especially the shower," the designer notes. "They love how open and how generously sized it is."

Wainscoting creates texture on the wall and maintains the traditional architecture of this Englewood home, built in 1869. Designer Jennifer Vreeland chose a neutral palette and a wooden vanity with Carrara marble from Restoration Hardware—rather than stark white everything—to create a serene ambience.

