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High ceilings in this high-rise bath called for an elaborate ceiling treatment and a signature chandelier, floor-to-ceiling draperies and silvery-gray cabinetry accent the spacious room.



High Polish

Old-Hollywood glam
and built-for-two
convenience mingle
in this high-rise
master bath.

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Given a floor-to-ceiling penthouse window in their master bath, plenty of people would place a tub in front of it to serve as a focal point. But Lynne and Jack Halpern went with something different in their lofty Atlanta home: an upholstered bench that encourages more day-to-day access to the view. “We love looking out that window, and I might sit there and talk to Jack while he gets ready in the morning,” Lynne says. “That bench is one of my favorite pieces of furniture in the house.”

Old-Hollywood glamour abounds in this sophisticated master bath, from the sleek bench with its silver threads and Lucite legs to the luxurious drapery panels made from laser-cut fabric that allows sunlight to filter through. Even the light gray cabinetry has a subtle sheen, a pewter cast that pairs well with the Calacatta marble surfaces throughout. Glass knobs and pulls and acrylic chairs help lighten the look.

Interior designer Bill Stewart and bathroom designer Matthew Quinn joined forces to create this dreamy retreat. His-and-her cabinetry on either side of the window creates pleasing symmetry while providing custom storage and accoutrements to meet each homeowner’s needs. Jack’s side includes an easy-to-access medicine cabinet behind the mirrors; Lynne’s includes a

cabinet for hair dryers and curlers and a custom makeup drawer.

A hallway connecting the vanity area to the master bedroom provides access to his-and-her closets, a separate toilet compartment, and a tucked-away walk-in shower, which includes a built-in bench and geometric-cut tiles.

As sophisticated as all the marble and gray can be, Lynne wanted to make sure the room had enough warmth, so she chose an overscale bronze ceiling pendant that casts a warm glow throughout. “If you don’t watch it, silvery tones can be cold,” cautions Lynn, who’s familiar with metallic looks as the owner of a popular jewelry store in Atlanta called Tassels. The key is to mix metals to create a harmonious balance of cool and warm tones.

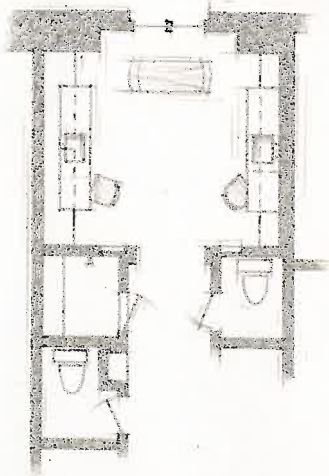
“This is such a luxurious bathroom, with nice attention to detail,” Stewart says. “Lynne and Jack designed it for hanging out together, but they each have their own space, which is ideal.”

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Below left: Molding on the ceiling traces the silhouette of the light fixture. **Below:** Custom acrylic inserts in Lynne Halpern’s makeup drawer keep every item in place, while glass drawer pulls add personal style. **Opposite:** Lynn’s vanity includes abundant storage for makeup and accessories. A gorgeous Lucite chair encourages lingering.







DESIGNER INSIGHTS
Displaying Art in a Bath
 “I like the surprise of having art in the bathroom,” interior designer Bill Stewart says. Personally chosen paintings and sculptures help offset cool, hard surfaces. What to keep in mind:

- **Humidity.** In a humid environment like a bath, works on paper might not be ideal because moisture could cause them to wrinkle. Paintings on canvas or any sculptures made of hard materials should be fine.
- **Space.** Plan ahead to include dedicated display space for cherished works of art. The sculpture niches in this bathroom, for example, were included during the layout stage.
- **Subject matter.** Displaying art in a private space gives you license to be creative. “This is the place to use that art you like but don’t quite know where to put,” Stewart says. You’ll see it every day, but your guests will not.

Opposite: A hallway leading from the master bedroom offers access to separate closets, the shower, and a toilet compartment. Designer Bill Stewart included two niches across from each other to hold sculptures and break up all the marble. **Top left:** Decorative insets featuring hexagonal marble tiles distinguish the glamorous shower. **Top right:** A built-in bench adds comfort in the shower. **Above:** Separate vanities are customized for each homeowner. Jack Halpern’s side of the bathroom includes medicine cabinets hidden behind the mirrors. **Above right:** Mirrors above the countertops open with a touch for extra storage. **Right:** Hexagonal marble tiles on the floor are subtle yet elegant. “Using square white marble tiles just wasn’t special enough,” bath designer Matthew Quinn says. **Far right:** Pretty perfume bottles and fresh blooms decorate Lynn’s makeup table.



