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See-through sanctuary



With its generous allotment of windows, this bath has a strong connection to the outdoors. The shower floor, made of natural stone, looks like pebbles scooped out of a river. High clerestory windows provide additional natural light. The floating vanity and storage cabinet are made of walnut with a quartz surround. The rest of the finishes are all tile: multicolored glass on the vanity backsplash and tub wall, and porcelain tile on the floor and shower walls. Note that the flooring is gray—a hot hue for 2013, according to NKBA.

Builder/designer: CG&S Design-Build, Austin, Texas; Photo: Andrew Pogue

Secluded retreat



Views, comfort, privacy ... this tub alcove has it all. A fireplace warms the bather, who can enjoy sunlight and scenery from a large picture window. A marble tub deck and surround and vaulted ceiling define the space. The shower is just as luxurious, with radiant heated seats.

Builder: Mystic River Building Co., Mystic, Conn.; Architect: Wayne S. Garrick Architects, New Haven, Conn.; Photo: Gregg A. Guilino

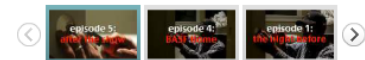
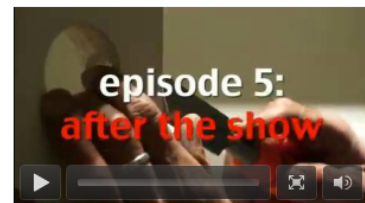
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