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The Art *of* Bathing

A touch of artistic
flair turns two Denver
bathrooms into
spa-inspired spaces

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Into the Woods

WHEN HUSBAND-AND-WIFE TEAM Tom and Kristen Abell set about designing their latest home in Denver, inspiration and researching resources were a labor of love. Tom is a builder, Kristen is in real estate, and for the third time, they enlisted the creative eye of their favorite interior designer, Joanne Brutsch of Casey & Co.

Kristen had a clear vision for several of the primary bath's key features. "I'd seen the stone slab we used in the bathroom shower and countertop, but I couldn't remember exactly where," she recalls. "Joanne and I went on a mission to find the stone I wanted to use to pull off the dramatic look. After striking out at the stone yards in Denver, we ended up discovering a boutique stone yard in Chicago that had a lot of these dramatic marble slabs."

They ordered several pieces and moved them around to get the look the Abells wanted. "We ended up flip-flopping the slabs chosen for »

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the kitchen and bath, as the one installed for the backdrop for the shower is like a piece of art," Brutsch says.

Kristen also loved the look of fluted white oak wood walls. "I'd seen them at a hotel we stayed at in South America," she says. Local carpenters were able to make exactly what they wanted. Brutsch notes, "It was such an important feature in the design, and I think it accentuates the

tones in the floating vanity from Thurston Kitchen and Bath."

Mirrors from Williams Sonoma Home hang above the dual sinks, illuminated by wall sconces from Visual Comfort. On the opposite side of the room in a nook by the picture window, a freestanding bathtub by Signature Hardware offers a calm soaking spot after a day in the fast-paced world of real estate. ❖

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