

Frills and flourishes speak with a formal French accent



while colors and surfaces take a conversational tone.

FANCY, NOT FUSSY. THAT'S THE MADE-IN-FRANCE LOOK of Lynette and Joe Pellegrini's home, including the master bath. "What I love about French homes is the combination of comfort and elegance," Lynette says. "I wanted a home that could be enjoyed and lived in and yet elegant at the same time."

Working with builder Jan Kohl and designer Suzanne Hughes, the couple remodeled their existing bath, which lacked the storage and separated functions they desired. The result is a *salle de bain* of distinct areas: tub at one end, shower and toilet at the other, and double vanity and dressing area in the middle. Architecture adds to the feeling of individual zones; one set of arched French doors marks the transition from bath to bedroom, while another set encloses the toilet/shower room. An arch delineates the tub area as a separate niche.

In lieu of freestanding furniture pieces often seen in French baths, Lynette and Joe preserved floor and storage space by choosing built-in cabinetry with a furniture look. The double vanity, for example, features shapely Sheraton-style legs and central drawers. The dressing table, with an arched storage area on top, resembles a hutch. Lynette, a former draftsman, sketched the cabinets herself, then commissioned a master cabinetmaker to build them. She worked with a fine artist on the glaze that gives the cabinetry antique French appeal.

The glaze is part of a creamy color palette chosen to diffuse natural light, as are the honey onyx countertops, selected for their translucent appearance. Pecky cypress on the vaulted ceiling adds the rustic beauty of an old chateau in the country.

With its blend of sensibility and sensuality, the bath gives the couple both a look they love and a layout for their lives. **KCB**



OPPOSITE: Antique mirrors and light fixtures from France adorn the dressy vanity area. ABOVE: French doors lead to a separate room for the shower and toilet. BELOW LEFT: Inserts on the dressing-table cabinetry doors echo the classic country-French look of chicken wire. BELOW: The shower walls are covered with Jerusalem Gold limestone.





1001 10010. The furnished look and well-defined layout in Casetta and Joe Bellagrossi's bath create a touch feel 10010111. Natural light, creamy tones, and soft fabrics form an inviting, rich area.