

## TIME-HONORED HAVEN

MARRYING BEAUTY AND FUNCTION

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OUR OBJECTIVE WAS to marry beauty with function,” says interior designer Carole Freehauf of a nice-sized bathroom in a 1920s brick Georgian Colonial in Pelham that the homeowner wanted turned into a soothing sanctuary with lots of storage space. Freehauf heads an eponymous interior design company in Pelham Manor.

For beauty, the walls were painted a soft khaki. They also sport glass tiles of a soothing aquamarine. And the floor has a white limestone tile with an inlaid border of soft blue-green glass mosaic tiles. All surfaces are from Waterworks, as are the polished nickel and crystal fittings.

For function, extensive custom-designed cabinetry with plenty of storage space was added. Made of hard maple wood and painted shell-white with egg-and-dart molding and fluted pilasters or columns, these built-in cabinets from the private Bilotta Collection line “are just what you would expect in a big Georgian brick Colonial home,” says Jim Bilotta, president of Bilotta Kitchens & Bath, headquartered in Mamaroneck. He was the project’s construction manager.

The result? “It has such a restful feeling,” says the homeowner. “A lot of people use the word ‘spa’ to describe it, and I do feel like I’m on vacation when I use it.”



(Above) The owner’s wish-come-true: extensive custom-designed cabinetry of maple wood painted shell-white provides storage galore. (Below) Just right for washing one’s cares away—an Empire soaking tub with hand-held shower attachment

