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PLACED NEAR THE atrium window, the deep, oval-shaped tub has a water view. A glass-topped floating shelf next to the tub offers convenient storage for bath items.

A Spa With a View

Earth tones and plenty of natural light turn a seaside master bath into a soothing sanctuary

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BATH



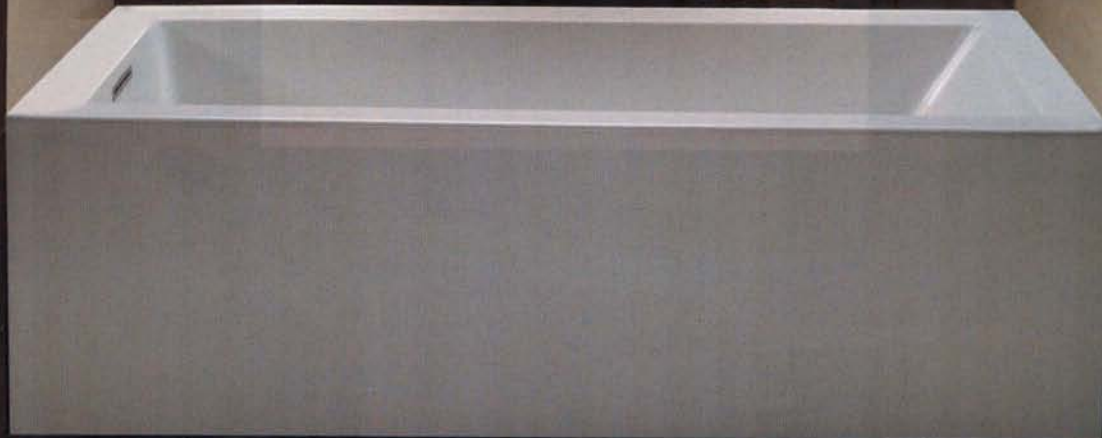
It started with a bamboo cabinet, recalls Lynne Shore, a designer with Rhode Island Kitchen & Bath in Warwick, Rhode Island. At her first design meeting with Dr. Howard Martinez, an infectious disease specialist, and his wife, Tammy, a physician's assistant, bamboo became both a literal component and a design icon for the renovation being planned for the Martinezes' master bathroom. "Bamboo reminded me of spas we had been to when we traveled to other parts of the world," says Tammy, "and we really wanted to turn this bath into our own spa retreat."

Although the bath did feature a stunning view of the water, the space was anything but spa-like. Blasts of cold air infiltrated the leaky atrium window, moisture was causing the paint to peel, and storage was scarce. "It was long

THE LONG AXIS of the 7½-by-12½-foot master bath makes the atrium window and the view of Narragansett Bay the focal point of the room. The long rectangular tiles further draw the eye to the window, which now has a radiant-heated quartz sill. Designer Lynne Shore unified the space with a textured vinyl faux grass cloth wallcovering.

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overdue for an overhaul,” says Tammy, noting that the bath is in a waterfront condo in Narragansett, Rhode Island, that had morphed from her husband’s bachelor quarters into a home the couple now share with their 5-year-old son, Joaquin.

With frameless bamboo cabinets a swift and unanimous choice, other wish-list items revealed more individual tastes: She wanted a deep tub in a whimsical oval shape; he wanted a steam shower with glass doors to take advantage of the water views through the atrium window. They both wanted more storage and counter space.

Shore’s remodeling plan preserved the location of key plumbing lines while making optimal use of the room’s long, narrow footprint. By borrowing just a few square feet from an adjacent closet, she was able to give the master bath a double vanity with twice the counter space. She also added a bench in the shower, a floating shelf along the tub wall, a tall linen cabinet

THE TUB FILLER and sprayer are mounted on the floating shelf next to the tub rather than in the tub itself, creating a streamlined effect.

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