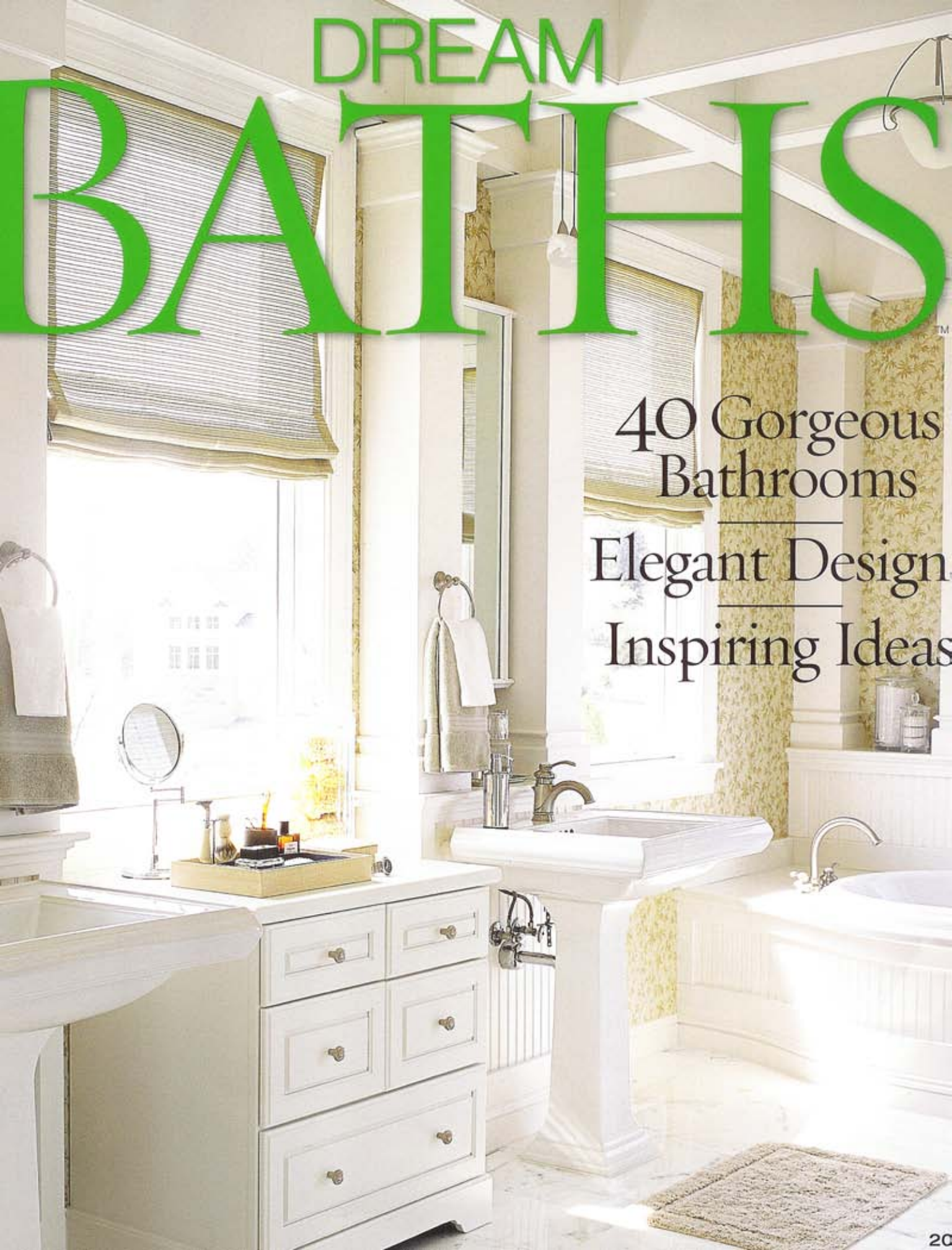


DREAM BATHS

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THIS PHOTO: When open, the tub's screens allow views through the bedroom windows, but they may be closed to create two private, cozy rooms.

OPPOSITE: The oil-rubbed bronze finish of the tub fixtures will develop highlights over time as the finish reacts with the air and oils from hands.



Screen Scene

Shoji screens and other exotic touches elevate this master bath and bedroom into a luxurious suite for two. Revamping the outdated and cramped space required removing walls and reconfiguring the floor plan. The work transformed the suite into a Japanese-inspired retreat filled with light and free-flowing space.

Dramatic yet practical, the shoji screens set a peaceful tone and act as sliding closet doors and room dividers. The focal point of the suite, a shoji-enclosed tub stands between the bedroom and bath space, allowing the homeowners to open the screens if they wish to create one large space or to close them if they prefer to make the bath a secluded retreat.

Exotic materials further the Zen-like atmosphere. Constructed of a Brazilian hardwood called imbuia, bamboo vincer, and a thin fiberglass fabric rather than traditional rice paper, the shoji screens produce a lanternlike glow when lit from behind. In addition to gracing the sliding screen, imbuia was used for the matching vanities and some trim in the room.

In another nod to Japanese influence, the marble-topped vanities boast bold, geometric oil-rubbed bronze fixtures and bronze-finish hardware that complement the rich tones of the cabinetry and draw attention to the wood's grain.

In addition to its looks, the master bath's floor plan adds to the serenity. A striking marble-clad corner shower sits between the two vanities so the homeowners can get ready at the same time without getting in each other's way. Nearby the commode tucks into its own closet, with privacy provided by a pocket door. The remodeling also allowed for a large master closet accessible from the suite's entry hall and the new bath—ensuring that in this space function and style really do collaborate with serene results. **DB**

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THIS PHOTO: Limestone tiles distinguish the bath area from the sleeping area and highlight the vanity's dark Brazilian wood.

LEFT: Glass-block panels provide natural light in the shower stall without sacrificing privacy. The shower is covered in the same marble that graces the vanity countertops.



