

## small bath



## Reimagining Relaxation

A space-sensitive remodel takes this master bath from outdated and inefficient to soft and soothing.

**Unscrambling an awkward layout and placing fixtures around the room's perimeter creates a more efficient traffic flow.**

**A MASTER BATH WITH SQUARE FOOTAGE TO SPARE** sounds like a dream come true—but not if there's no way to use that extra space. Just ask Fred and Sandy Kaplan, who discovered that the space trapped between their tub and shower was more of an impediment than an asset. "Essentially, it was wasted space," Sandy says.

To create a more functional and attractive master bath in their Schenectady, New York, townhouse, the Kaplans called in Andrea Langford, an associate kitchen and bath designer (AKBD). "The entire space needed to be updated," Langford says. So she looked past

the awkward layout and dated fixtures and viewed the bath as a blank canvas.

Her first move squared off an angled wall that separated the bath and the master bedroom closet. This freed up room for a new thermostatically controlled shower and a freestanding air tub. Angling the tub and separating it from the toilet compartment with a partial wall topped in ribbed glass created a private bathing nook. An angled half-wall behind the tub houses the tub filler and handheld shower wand.

Though the tub may be the focal point, the