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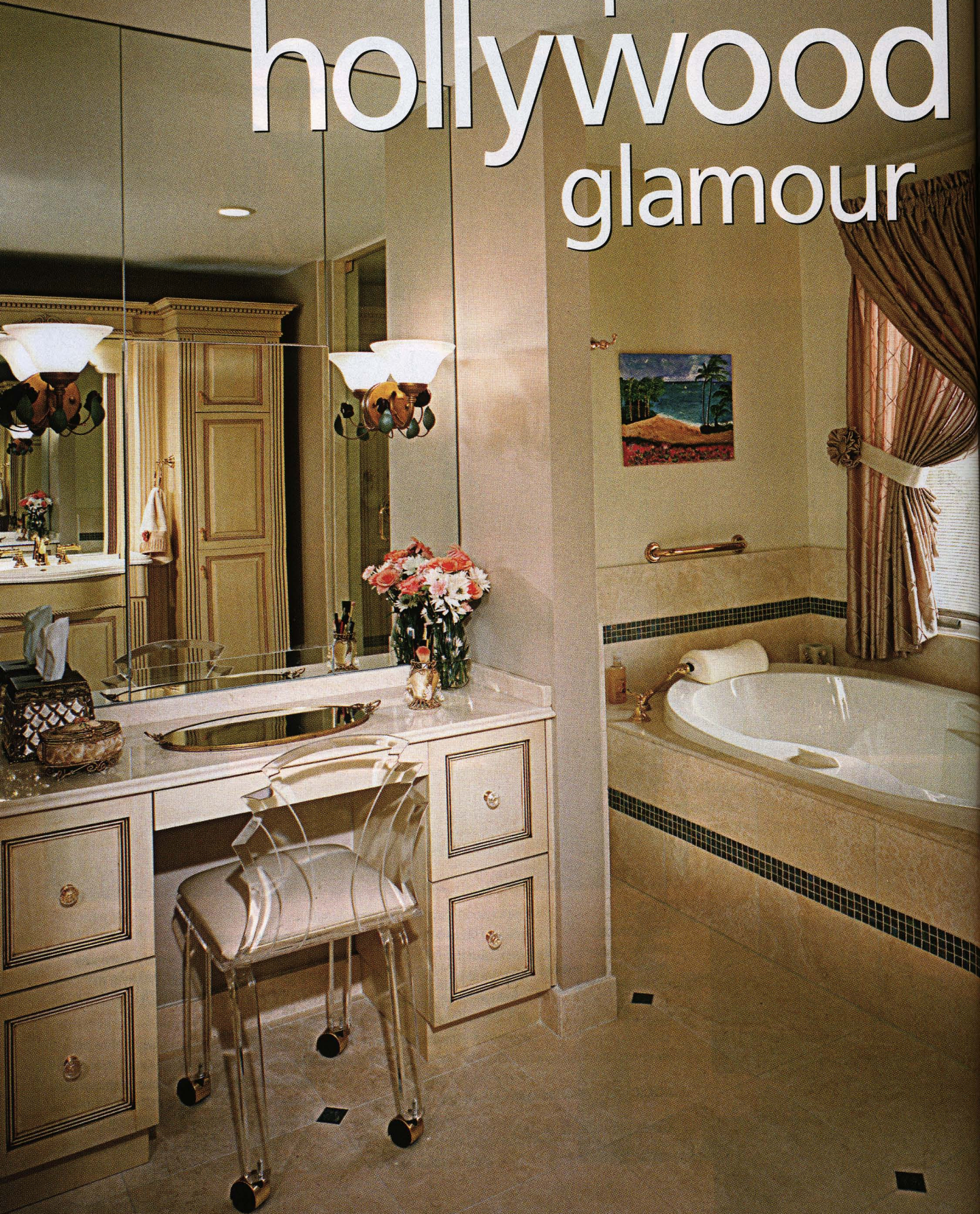
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## A DARK, DRAFTY BATHROOM IS MADE OVER TO RESEMBLE A FIVE-STAR GEM

### WISH LIST

- Luxurious master bathroom
- Separate areas for whirlpool tub, make-up area, his-and-her vanities, toilet and shower
- Eliminate draftiness

After they became empty-nesters, the owners of a house in suburban Glenview, Illinois, decided to make their home into an adult retreat. They asked Chicago designer Leslie Markman-Stern to transform their master bedroom into a sanctuary. To fashion the right décor for the bathroom, Markman-Stern did her homework and studied Michigan Avenue's finest hotel examples.

In the couple's formerly dark, drafty bathroom, Markman-Stern rearranged the layout so the window that was part of a closet is now in the bathroom adding natural

light. She selected old-world materials such as travertine marble and 1-inch-square iridescent glass tiles for the floor and tub, creating a sophisticated background. The custom-designed cabinetry with exquisite dentil molding and fluting resembles furniture. Markman-Stern went to great lengths to include sufficient storage space. She measured the cubic and linear feet of their former closet and bathroom storage, then designed the make-up area, vanities and closet area to double the space, but in his and her zones.

Other important details that add to the master bathroom's five-star appeal are a make-up area with large mirror illuminated by flora sconces, separate sumptuous air-jet tub and separate, private shower and toilet (not shown).

For the restful, soothing effect desired, Markman-Stern kept the color palette to beige but chose glass tiles in vivid blue and green as a bright accent.

To make the room lighter, Markman-Stern recessed ceiling cans and downlights over the twin vanities. To make the room warmer, she installed cozy radiant heating underneath the 12-inch-square marble floor tiles.

Because Markman-Stern believes in adaptive access, she installed discreet looking grab bars in the tub and shower and a large seat in the shower. And because she also wanted to be sure her clients liked the showerhead and type of spray it offered, she had them place their hands in a "live" shower at the bath dealership to feel the spray, texture and amount of water produced.

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### >>> SPECIAL FEATURES:

A European-style vanity with molding, elegant hardware, lighting and a curved countertop; Heated floor topped by marble and green glass tiles; Blue glass tiles detailing tub area

**LOCATION:** Glenview, IL

**DIMENSIONS:** 10' by 15'

### PRODUCTS USED:

- Shower, bath and lavatory faucets, showerheads, controls: Newport Brass
- Toilet: Toto
- Whirlpool tub: BainUltra
- Vanity: Vanico Maronyx
- Glass tiles: Sonoma Tilemakers
- Sconce: Candella Lighting Company

ABOVE: Double vanities with curved fronts contribute an elegant feeling.

OPPOSITE: The new bathroom is now large enough to accommodate a makeup area and a luxurious tub framed in marble.

