

## Lauded Dallas Designer's Lavish Lavatory

When Elaine Williamson of Elaine Williamson Designs, a Dallas based luxury interior design group, met with her new clients - a couple relocating to Dallas from New Orleans - a perfect match was made. Elaine's expertise in creating elegant Southern spaces was exactly what the clients wanted to help transition into their new home. Elaine was challenged with making this shotgun style bathroom functional and flow with elegance and meet the clients' needs.

One important focus for the couple was the master bath area, as the configuration set by the builder was not conducive to the couple's desires for a quiet, intimate, personal space. The design of the original floor plan showed the master bath area as large and boxy, giving the couple a feel of wasted and unusable space. Elaine worked with the builder to reconfigure the original space plan - not an easy task as this meant moving several rooms throughout the home to accommodate this layout.

With respect to design elements, Elaine incorporated a two tone Italian hand cut tile on the wainscoting and the chair rail using a harlequin pattern as a central decorative feature - a nod to the couples New Orleans background. Heated travertine flooring was installed - a feature the couple desired despite the mild Dallas winters. To give an elegant textural dimension to the walls, a handcrafted sandstone mica metallic wallpaper was used, the mica giving the room a soft reflective glow when the room is lit at night. An oversized jacuzzi tub and a dual head steam shower for two was a must.

Using the skills of a well known local cabinet maker, Elaine designed a French Linen Cabinet for the couple as well as an armoire that holds a small kitchenette, where a coffeemaker, sink and under counter refrigerator are hidden from view. Finally, three antique chandeliers were positioned to run the length of the master bath giving the space an unexpected traditional elegance. In all, this lavish bathroom is a place where the homeowners come to relax, unwind and let the cares of the day fade away.

### **Design elements of the project included:**

- antique honed travertine 18x18
- hand poured harlequin tiles in two colors for wainscoting
- specialized mica handmade wallpaper
- three chandeliers run length of bathroom
- two stained glass pendants in woman's dressing area
- custom French linen cabinet for towels and bath items
- botticino marble countertops
- kohler memoirs sink
- glass cristallo tiles used in risers on stairs







