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WITH THE GRAIN

Turn the page to see three bathroom projects featuring of-the-moment wood vanities, such as this one in Bethesda.





OUT OF THE BLUE

When the owners of this Bethesda home did a total renovation, they wanted to turn the primary bath into a space that felt like stepping into a vacation. That meant something with “an indoor/outdoor vibe” that was also “very, very fun,” says Jim Rill of Rill Architects, who designed the update alongside his colleague Cara Medeiros.

Step one: covering the wall, bathtub, and counters in a rare, statement-

making blue marble flecked with brown, black, and white. The stone is complemented by an eye-catching pair of walnut vanities, aligned so that the wood’s veining patterns flow seamlessly across. Sand-colored porcelain tiles, gold fixtures, and a glam Hubbardton Forge chandelier and Visual Comfort mirror sconces play off the wood’s warm tones. The outdoors are also brought in via the windows lining one wall of the

steam shower, which overlooks the backyard. (Not to worry—there are retractable shades.) Heated floors and a combination toilet-bidet up the luxe factor.

Rill says he’s seen a growing interest in combining home and nature using organic materials like wood and stone—a core part of what’s known as biophilic design: “[People want to] pull the outside in and the inside out.”



**BIOPHILIC BLUE:**

The plan for this Bethesda bathroom was to blend indoor and outdoor via natural materials like walnut (the vanities) and marble (the showstopping blue tub and walls).

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