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BATHING BEAUTIES

The latest in bathroom design, how to make the most of a small bath, and the area's best designers, tile shops, and other experts who can help you create your dream bathroom

Wavy "Dune" wall panels by ModularArts and an "Eise 2" tub by MTI create a calm oasis in this Kalorama bathroom by architect Bruce Wentworth.

TURN DREAM INTO REALITY

The area's best designers, tile shops, and other experts who can help you create a beautiful bath **BY MARY YARRISON**

Even in classic, older homes, such as this one in Cabin John, showers are replacing tubs.

BATH DESIGNERS AND BUILDERS

These businesses are recommended for bathroom design and renovation. Most architects, contractors, and design/build firms also do bathrooms as part of larger renovations.

ALEXANDRIA KITCHEN & BATH STUDIO handles a project's design and installation entirely in-house, using tradespeople who are masters in their fields. Look to this firm for help in remodeling older spaces—its location in Old Town makes that type of project common. 1502 King St., Alexandria; 703-549-1415; akbs-oldtown.com.

ANTHONY WILDER DESIGN/BUILD used to focus on large-scale projects, but bathrooms now make up about a quarter of its business. Designs are customized, and styles vary—the firm does everything from contemporary to traditional. A certified kitchen-and-bath expert handles tile and plumbing fixtures. 7913 MacArthur Blvd., Cabin John; 301-907-0100; anthonywilder.com.

BATH EXPRESS offers 17 packages, and you can pick and choose to make more than 100 combinations, most of which include Kohler hardware and Strasser cabinetry. Most orders cost \$10,000 to \$20,000. The firm's parent company, **THE KITCHEN GUILD**, does more custom, high-end projects. *Bath Express* (bathexpress.com) and the *Kitchen Guild* (kitchenguild.com) both have multiple area locations.

BOFFI GEORGETOWN, an Italian company, offers a European feel and a sense of history—wood designs by Maxalto are fashioned after French designs from the period between the two world wars. Boffi-installed bathrooms carry a three-year guarantee. 3320 M St., NW; 202-337-7700; boffigeorgetown.com.

CARNEMARK often uses large-format (12-by-24-inch) wall tiles and shower enclosures made of Starphire glass—which appears less green than other brands—to create modern, open designs with clean lines. The firm takes on custom design/build projects as well as small updates. 7500 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda; 301-657-5000; carnemark.com.

CASE DESIGN/REMODELING has eight designers on staff—half architectural and half interior. They provide services that range

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Design: Carnemark Design & Build **Tub:** Waterworks **Tub filler:** Hansgrohe's Axor Citterio **Floor tile:** Ann Sacks French Blue **Vanity:** SieMatic **Cabinet pulls:** Valli & Valli **Sink:** Alape dish basin in oval **Artwork:** Donald Syriani

are by appointment so that each experience is one-on-one. 2724 Dorr Ave., Suite 220, Fairfax; 703-560-6601; deedavidandco.com.

DESIGN SOLUTIONS manages new construction as well as remodels. It specializes in reworking challenging spaces; the firm is in Annapolis, where old houses sometimes have doorways in unusual places and oddly shaped rooms. The company takes on projects in the District, Maryland, and Northern Virginia. 1598-D Whitehall Rd., Annapolis; 410-757-6100; dsikitchens.com.

FOUR BROTHERS opened in 2006—Ben, Alfred, Leroy, and Kent Johnson moved from different parts of the world to Washington to create the design/build firm. They do mostly custom remodels, including additions and basements. 2617 Myrtle Ave., NE; 202-423-8703; fourbrotherscarpentry.com.

GLOBE BATH & KITCHEN REMODELING offers a large variety of flooring for its bathrooms, including glass tile, slate, and heated options; fixtures come from manufacturers such as Moen and Kohler. A Certified Aging in Place Specialist company, the firm can remodel an existing bathroom to accommodate aging occupants. 2775-A Hartland Rd., Falls Church; 703-629-0968; gbkremodeling.com.

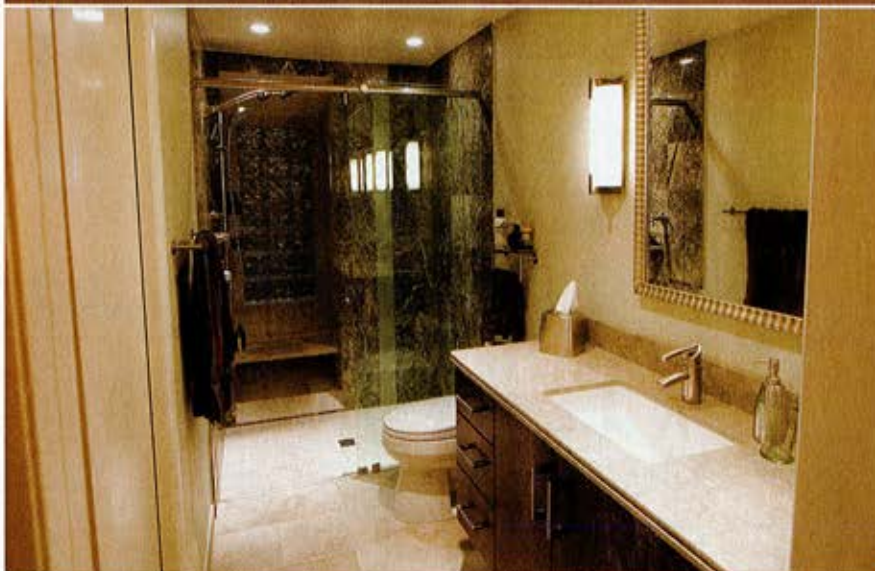
HARVEY'S KITCHENS & BATHS does both basic remodels and more extensive projects in Fairfax and Loudoun counties. The firm has recently branched out into installing its own flooring, mostly carpet, tile, and hardwood. 22560 Glenn Dr., Suite 115, Sterling; 703-444-0871; harveys-kb.com.

JENNIFER GILMER KITCHEN & BATH offers full design services, from architectural drawings to specifying products to monitoring installation. All four staff designers work on bathrooms, but bath specialist Carolyn Thomas is especially sought-after—a few years ago, she renovated the bathrooms in the principal suite of Blair House, where the President's guests stay. 6935 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase; 301-657-2500; jennifergilmerkitchens.com.

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