

All Through Your House: Masterful Design

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Julie Fryauf of Julie Wait Designs began her career in the Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, area, but has lived and worked in northwest Arkansas for most of her 30-plus years as a designer.

She said her favorite project is always one that involves a “great client” and, fortunately, these kinds of clients have not been difficult to find.

Cool and Classy. The marble tiles used on the walls of the room were the starting point for the design. The basic black and white color palette works with the rest of the home, and the tile creates interest in a room that can often be an afterthought in a home, since guests rarely see it.

Mix it Up. The contemporary design the designers chose in this project mixes traditional elements like these window casings and cabinetry with sleek, more modern light fixtures. Fryauf is happy to see metallics making a big comeback after years of darker lighting and bath fixtures.

Budget BFFs. Fryauf knew she wanted to go with a marble slab for the countertops in the room, so she chose a more affordable ceramic tile for the floor. It is easy to keep clean and adds another level of textural interest to the room.

Don't Forget the Jewelry. In addition to the satin chrome faucets and lighting, metallic accessories were chosen by stylist Aubrey Pate to ramp up the glamour. A silver tray to catch vanity items, sparkling soap dispensers, a handful of candlesticks and vases work for this room just as the perfect pair of earrings adds polish to a little black dress.

Easy Being Green. A bonus that comes with using a monochrome color scheme is the ease of adding accent colors. To warm up the space, Pate chose natural elements in the form of foliage-covered balls, leafy stems in the vases and candles. “Black and white can be cold or stark, [but] natural elements soften hard elements of the space,” Fryauf said.



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Fryauf said she doesn't have a particular style as a designer. "I work in [whatever] style my client chooses, but my designs are always uncluttered and larger scale with less 'stuff.'" For this custom bath she and her associate, Aubrey Pate, ASID, recently created for a client in Pinnacle Country Club neighborhood, that aesthetic is a hole-in-one.



Vase: Platinum stripe vase available at Lighting Emporium

Lighting: Dione 3 Ceiling Pendant in polished nickel available at Lighting Emporium

Candles: Glass canisters with bath salts and candles available at Target



Tray: Tiered server with bird available at House Special Interiors; foliage balls available at Target



Tile: Verona Polished Slides by Marble Systems available at Unique Tile/Townzen Tile and Laminates

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