



# OLD-WORLD SERENITY

A sculptural shower beckons and acts as a soothing, ethereal getaway with intentional design by THERESA ORY

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TWO BIG ASKS—no tub and no shower glass—caused Theresa Ory to design this master bathroom with a “never done before” mentality. The personal stake was huge because her client was her spouse, and the house was their own. The bathroom project was part of a larger remodel that had turned room openings into elliptical curves. “The curvature that we brought into the bathroom was part of the story that we were building throughout the house,” she says.

A statement zero-entry shower with a sculptural wall accentuates the play of natural light and shadow in its design. “With the footprint we had and the window placement where it was, this was basically my creative solution to follow his points and desires, but also maximize the usability,” she says.

Cognizant that texture is part of how people experience the space, she conducted extensive research before choosing concrete for the shower and walls. Brass finishes and honed marble floors—laid in a French limestone pattern—add warmth. “Ultimately, this space feels organic, yet tailored, sculptural and serene,” she says.

A floating wood vanity topped with green J’adore quartzite balances the other side of the room. “The quartzite is glorious,” she says. “I seriously hugged it in the stone showroom. It reminds me of the ocean.”

Ory draws inspiration from coastal, Italian Baroque and Spanish Mission styles in her design aesthetic that’s “simplistic in nature but inherently nuanced.” This bathroom, she says, is best described as “old-world coastal charm.”

Working with the contractor team to accomplish the vision, which involved “failing fast over and over again” until it was right, were the biggest challenges, she says. “It was also the most exciting, rewarding, wonderful reality to see it come to fruition.” See *Resources, Back of Book.*



**Resources** DESIGNER Theresa Ory CONTRACTOR Joel Madrid, Joe’s Contracting Services SHOWER STONE Pezrok WALL AND CEILING FINISH SureCrete in Whitewater HONED MARBLE Floor & Decor COUNTERTOP and SHOWER BENCH J’adore quartzite through Levantina CUSTOM COUNTERTOP FABRICATOR Granite Kingdom SHOWER FIXTURES Delta SINK FAUCETS Jacuzzi CUSTOM VANITY The Glamour of The Stone VANITY LIGHT FIXTURES KcoPear VANITY PULLS Etsy MIRROR Any Glass



**Before** Designer Theresa Ory replaced the existing shower and bathtub with a curvy zero-entry shower.