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Best Bath by a Homeowner

Designers: **DIANE AND NEIL SWENSON**

The discovery of a birch-and-stainless-steel sink sparked Diane and Neil Swenson's interest in designing the guest bathroom in their 1977 Tierrasanta home.

"My husband and I were browsing at Standards of Excellence and saw the beautiful Italian-designed sink with matching mirror. On a second visit there, we found the perfect stainless-steel toilet."

That clinched it: The Swensons were ready to design a new bathroom to replace the dated space that featured a fluorescent lighting box, white Corian counters over white standard cabinets, an oxidized mirror, medicine cabinet, fiberglass shower enclosure and white walls.

The Swensons previously had remodeled their kitchen in a contemporary European design with wood and stainless-steel elements.

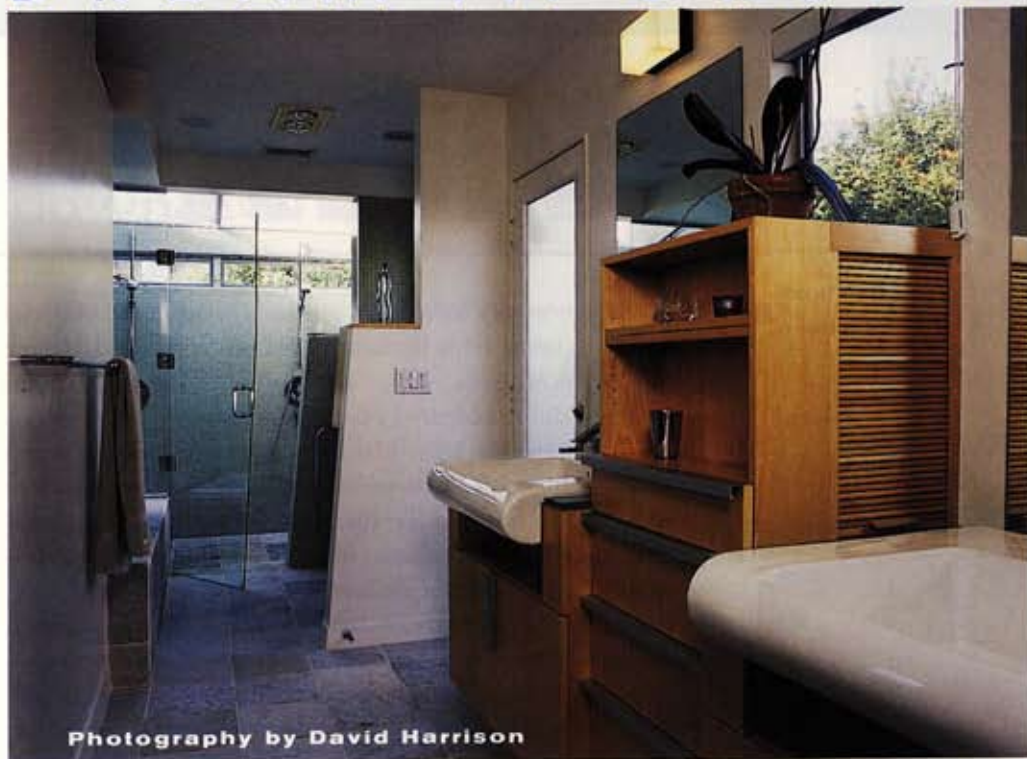
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Photography by Gail Owens

"This refreshing entry by a homeowner tastefully combines basic elements to create a wonderful space." — Juror Michael Fineman

DREAM IN GREEN



Photography by David Harrison

Editors' Choice

Architect/Designer:
ROBERT FLOCK

This La Jolla master bath has been totally redone with pale-green glass mosaic tile and white-grouted slate flooring to complement new contemporary cabinets and fixtures.

At the end of the narrow room architect Robert Flock popped out a wall to create a large shower. Light pours into the shower through a ribbed polycarbonate skylight and a recessed band of windows.

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