



# Sea breezes

Large windows and a ocean-green color palette connect this master bath to its coastal views

**Above:** This master bath is divided into three separate areas – all of which open off a corridor in the master suite. The sink countertop, here, is outside the toilet and bidet area.

**Facing page, above:** To create interest in the bathroom, all the elements are laid out as a series of overlapping triangles. A large mirror above the sink countertop reflects the view of the ocean that can be seen through the shuttered windows. The ocean green colors also reflect the view.

When renovating a specific area in a home, it's not always practical, economically feasible or even physically possible to add extra floor space to the house.

Architect Ed Kaplan was asked to expand a small, poky master bath, without taking space from the adjacent master bedroom or walk-in closet.

"We found the extra space we needed in a small, largely

unused room behind the bedroom, and decided to use it," says Kaplan.

"This gave us three small spaces within the master suite linked by a corridor."

The tub was removed from the original bathroom, which was redesigned to include a toilet and bidet. The vanity and double sinks at the end of the corridor, by the old bathroom, were replaced with

a sink counter and a large storage area.

The walk-in closet was left unaltered, and the third space along the corridor past the wardrobe was transformed into a spacious bathroom with a spa tub, sink counter and large, separate shower.

"The new space is laid out in a series of overlapping triangles, consisting of the tub, shower and sink counter,



**Architect:** Edward Kaplan, Kaplan Architects, (San Francisco)  
**Builder:** Van Der Sterre Construction  
**Vanity countertop:** Granite from Stone Works  
**Vanity cabinetry:** Painted customwood by JW Sellars  
**Basin:** Porcelain enamel Kohler Caxton  
**Faucets:** Price Pfister Treviso Collection  
**Flooring:** Kota Blue slate from Chegruen Slate Co  
**Tiles:** Ann Sacks mosaic tiles; Walker Zanger Tiberon tiles  
**Installer:** Treanor Tiung  
**Toilet:** Kohler San Martine Biscuit  
**Bidet:** Kohler San Tropez Biscuit  
**Window treatments:** Plantation shutters from San Francisco Shutter Company  
**Tub:** Kohler Seaside Whirlpool  
**Electric radiant floors:** Warmly Yours

**Photography by Tim Maloney**



to escape from the strict grid of the rest of the house. This has created some interesting angles and corners for seats and shelves," says Kaplan.

One corner window was retained and another added to frame views of the nearby ocean, and a mirror over the countertop opposite reflects the views. A soothing, restful ocean green color palette also refers to the nearby sea.



**Top:** The mirror above the sink opens up to reveal a medicine cabinet.

**Above:** Glass mosaic tiles in shades of green surround the tub, adding to the soothing nature of the bathroom.

**Far left:** Master bath before renovation; 1 Bath and toilet, 2 Closet, 3 Sink.

**Left:** Master bath after renovation: 1 Bath, 2 Sink, 3 Shower, 4 Medicine cabinet, 5 Closet, 6 Toilet/bidet, 7 Sink counter and storage.