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# The Mystery

## OF THE 5-STAR BATHROOM

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### TIPS FOR CREATING A 5-STAR BATHROOM

1. MAKE USE OF NATURAL MATERIALS, SUCH AS MARBLE AND GRANITE.
2. USE SOOTHING COLORS AND TEXTURES.
3. USE MODERN FIXTURES, SUCH AS A STEAM SHOWER OR SPRAY PANELS.
4. REPLACE OUTDATED SINKS AND VANITIES WITH MORE MODERN ONES.

SARA was nearing complete exhaustion from a long flight as the bellman opened the door to her luxury hotel suite and asked "May I show you the amenities in the room?"

"No thank you, she replied, just point me in the direction of the bathroom so I can take a hot shower and start to relax." She tipped the bellman generously, thanked him for his help and quickly ushered him out the door.

Within minutes Sara walked into her five-star bathroom and was amazed at how spacious, comfortable and soothing the room appeared. "How do the fine hotels

always seem to be able to design such wonderful rooms? I wish I could have this at home," she said to herself.

As she opened the seamless glass shower doors she noticed the beautiful natural marble lining the walls and floors, or was it granite? Regardless of the material it was a soothing color and texture that immediately relaxed her mind. "Beyond my budget," was her first thought, but then she realized she could accomplish the same effect by replacing her dated old shower enclosure and using a combination of materials to replicate the natural feel of the marble.

With anticipation she reached to turn the brushed nickel handle of the shower to start a gentle flow of water from the showerhead. The water cascaded down as if she was standing in a gentle rainforest. "Well, this is certainly better than my old leaky chrome shower handle at home and the same old water spray from 10 years ago. Wouldn't it be

great to have one of those steam showers or maybe some spray panels?" she thought. "If I am going to change the tile surround anyway I can definitely add the fixtures too!"

After her invigorating shower she stepped on to the beautiful floor. "Ooo, warm she thought." She then moved over to the sink and vanity and was again astounded by what she saw. The sink was more than just a sink; it was a work of art! A beautiful vessel sink made of copper sat atop a vanity that matched the shower walls. "My old tile counter top and white porcelain drop-in sink can't even compare with this room," she sighed. But a plan was coming together in her mind.

Feeling refreshed, Sara turned out the lights in the bathroom and headed towards a good night's sleep to dream of the changes she would make when she returned home. She would soon have her very own stunning five-star bathroom. 🛁



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