

DESIGNERS' *favorite* SPACES

With the world of design possibilities available to them, what do local designers consider their best work? Here, we let them play favorites, glimpsing inside the sacred.

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After a long day of making decisions for her clients, designer Kelly Lankford of KHL Design Studio has a place to restore her mind and body — a completely renovated master bath. “Everything was white/mauve and cheap” is how she describes the room before she got her hands on it. The job required a total gut and redo, although the floor plan maintains some semblance of its previous existence, with the toilet and sink in their former spots. The soaking tub, a fairly new addition installed by the previous homeowners, also stayed, but it was relocated — tucked around the corner for privacy — and crowned with Kelly’s favorite piece of Renaissance art.

Her own artistry is evident in the mix of tiles and patterns that gives the room visual interest. “I love playing with the patterns, textures and colors of tile like creating a mosaic,” she says. With Kelly’s tweaks in space planning, the bath’s functionality greatly improved: There is now a private toilet room, secluded bath, larger shower and additional storage. It proves that you can get more features with less space, if you know what you’re doing.

