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**BATHS:
MAKE THE
MOST OF
AWKWARD
SPACES**

**HOT
IDEAS FOR
KITCHENS**

**BONUS
SPECIAL
GARDENING
SECTION**

**THE NEW
KITCHEN
COLOR:
BLONDE**



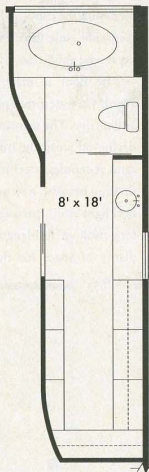
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FIND DEALING WITH A CERTAIN SET OF PARAMETERS forces me to push the creative envelope to come up with more solutions," says designer Bruce Bierman. In his Manhattan loft, he found parameters aplenty in a bathroom/dressing area with the proportions of a bowling alley.

Bierman's space-expanding bag of tricks includes mirrors, a pale palette, and meticulous organization. Both the mirrored doors to the bathroom (not shown) and the ribbed-glass pair that close off the bathing and toilet area slide into pockets between studs to conserve space. The more private area is raised a step to conceal plumbing lines, and paved in polished marble tiles. At the juncture, the floor material shifts to bleached ash. Matching ash cabinets and shelves in the vanity and dressing area maintain the muted monochromatic scheme, which is enlivened by a single bolt of color: the sandblasted glass vanity top back-painted in a luminous blue green. Against these smooth surfaces, a terrycloth shower curtain and the tub's surround of hammered marble tiles offer a satisfying textural contrast. □

Opposite: Window blinds and double glazed pocket doors assure privacy without accentuating the room's narrowness. Top left: Meticulous organization and full use of every available inch gave the designer much needed storage space. Lower left: Towel hooks stud the wall above a marble-tile bench. See *Shopping Resources* for details.



GOOD IDEAS

- **INTRODUCE TEXTURAL RATHER THAN COLOR DIFFERENCES TO UNIFY A SMALL SPACE.**
- **COMPARTMENTALIZING THE BATH LETS TWO PEOPLE USE THE ROOM AT THE SAME TIME.**
- **TRANSLUCENT SANDBLASTED GLASS ADMITS LIGHT BUT MAINTAINS PRIVACY.**
- **TOWEL HOOKS ARE EASIER TO KEEP NEAT—ESPECIALLY WHEN CHILDREN USE A BATH.**
- **LEVERS CAN BE OPERATED WITH WET OR SOAPY HANDS, UNLIKE DOOR KNOBS.**

LONG AND NARROW/3

FLOORING: WINDSOR FLOORS AND INNOVATIVE MARBLE & TILE. SEAL CARPET, STARK CARPET LINER AND FRICHEBY STARK HANDBOOK. TUB: WATEREY LIGHTING. MIRROR ILLUMINATION: BLINDS WINDOW MODER.