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Old World Style

Interior Design: Gwen Seidlitz, Sage Interiors, Great Falls, Virginia

Bath Design: Davida Rodriguez, Davida's Kitchen & Tiles, Gaithersburg, Maryland

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Interior designer Gwen Seidlitz had a clear vision of the look she wanted to achieve in her teenage son's bathroom in her family's new Great Falls home. She wanted it to be masculine and convey an Old World style, but also wanted to avoid anything too traditional or fussy.

Seidlitz turned to kitchen and bath designer Davida Rodriguez to help make her vision a reality. Given the architecture of the long, narrow space, installing a bathtub and a separate shower wasn't an option. Seidlitz chose to forgo the bath, since there are several other tubs in her home, and opted for a spacious shower clad in textural travertine. To create interest, Rodriguez added a chair rail detail to the shower, above which she created a diagonal tile pattern on the wall. She also designed a diagonal pattern on the shower floor to complement the walls.

"The travertine is a new material from Turkey," says Rodriguez. "There's only one quarry that makes it. It just has this beautiful movement, which really adds a lot of interest."

As the focal point in the room, Seidlitz selected double-vanity cabinetry by Habersham in a distressed wood finish. The natural material palette also includes an ebony-stained hickory floor, which is used throughout the house. Rodriguez suggested a Cosmic Black granite countertop to tie together the dark floors and the travertine, which has dark striations.



A double-vanity by Habersham (opposite) in a distressed finish sets the tone in this rustic bath. The dark fixtures and granite countertops (above) play off the accents in the travertine shower tiles (top).

Plumbing fixtures in a dark, "live" finish are the final touch. "They actually change tone and develop a patina over time," says Seidlitz.

—Sharon Jaffe Dan

RESOURCES

Vanity: Habersham. Plumbing Fixtures: Rohl.
Travertine Tile & Countertop: Davida's Kitchen & Tiles.