



Before Darryl Wilson's masterful makeover, above, this California bath was a pretty dreary place. "There was ugly, 60s-style tile and a horrible brass enclosure," the designer recalls. And worst of all, he adds, "There was no window." To give the room new life and create an indoor-outdoor feeling—this is California, after all—Wilson punctuated the exterior wall with a large window and sheathed the shower stall with brilliant blue tiles that add panache and echo the color of the tiles in the swimming pool just outside. Thanks to the designer's efforts, showering has become a whole different experience—a serene surround complete with views of pool, garden, and sky. The frameless enclosure provides a door for the shower without diminishing the openness of the room.

Once upon a time, we crowded our showers in with our bathtubs, leading to that claustrophobic sensation that made us want to jump out quickly instead of luxuriating in the flow of the water. But in this California bath, right, there is no such cramped feeling. Located at the foot of the tub, the shower has an enclosure of its own, and a barely there glass surround allows it to share light from the window above the tub. Deep blue glass tiles accented with a strip of black tile unite the two bathing elements. See *Shopping Resources* for details. **Home**