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# Three of a Kind

Colors, materials, and patterns unify a new home's three distinct bathrooms

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MASTER BATH



GUEST BATH



POWDER ROOM

After an evening of biking, gardening, or strolling by the river, my clients—a husband and wife—enter their mudroom, where they leave their shoes and outerwear. They can then step directly into the laundry room to drop off their dirty gear and continue on to grab fresh clothes from the closet. From there, it's straight through to the master-bath shower. Once clean, they need only take a few more steps to collapse onto their bed and enjoy the breathtaking views of the nearby river. Not only do the rooms conveniently flow between one another, but the design, materials, and colors used in each tie the home's interior spaces together as well.

The homeowners chose a hybrid design/build approach to reach the goals they had for their new home. My construction firm was hired early in the process to partner with architect Andrea Kerz Murray of Vermont Integrated Architecture, starting just after schematic design.

Construction soon began, with the floor plans setting the tone for the design. The process became a close collaboration between the owners, the architect, and me, with many on-site meetings and mock-ups, and lots of waving of arms. But we worked well together and eventually achieved the cohesive style the owners were looking for.

That style is modern with a hint of midcentury, with splurges on design and materials. Rich walnut, waterfall edges, and crisp blue, yellow, and green painted and tiled backdrops are used in various permutations. Perhaps nowhere is the home's unified design better exemplified than in the three bathrooms—a powder room and master bath on the first floor, and a guest bath on the lower level. □

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