

2018 NKBA DESIGN AWARDS

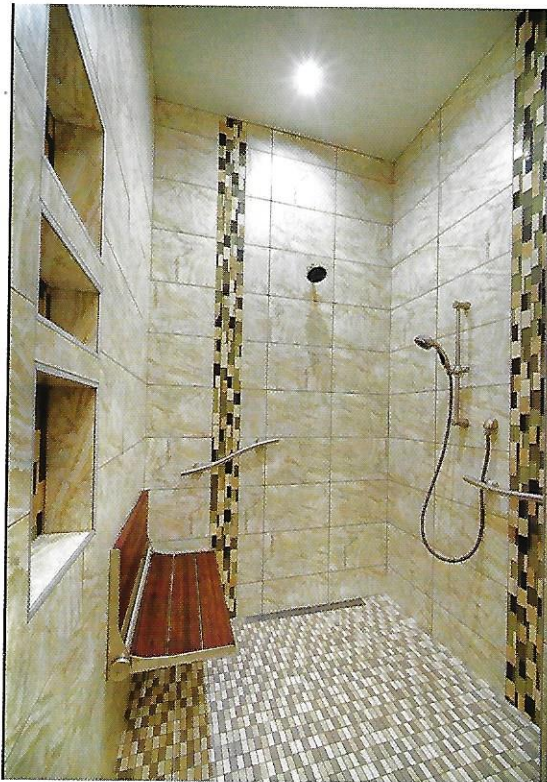
Best Universal Design

Universal Appeal

When the homeowners needed a private, wheelchair-accessible living space in their new home, they asked Bonnie J. Lewis to design one that was beautiful yet masculine. The designer created an ADA-compliant space that offers wheelchair accessibility and incorporated Memory Care design techniques to eliminate sources of dementia-related confusion and provide visual orientation assistance.

Two existing bedrooms and a narrow Jack-and-Jill bathroom were captured to create an in-law suite, including a bathroom, living room, and bedroom. The designer inserted a new curbless shower and a slip-resistant mosaic tile floor to provide safe, easy access and maneuverability. She added a fold-down shower seat, grab bars, and an ADA-compliant toilet. The space also includes a handheld shower with a 6-foot hose, a showerhead, offset control, support ring, and diverter.

Lewis drew up a custom-designed wheelchair-accessible vanity with an ADA-compliant faucet, undermount sink, and easy-access storage. A matching linen closet features roll-out shelves and loop cabinet pulls, while wide doorways and slip-resistant, water-resistant, luxury vinyl plank flooring provides safe, easy wheelchair movement for the resident and his caregivers. Abundant lighting and contrasting finish colors, including the toilet seat, provide dementia support, and a "Memory Wall" is designed to trigger positive memories. —*N.F.M.*



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Cabinetry/Vanity: Custom
Countertops: Silestone
Faucet: Delta
Flooring: Karndean
Lighting: Corbett, Nuvo, Minka
Sinks: Kohler
Tile: The Tile Shop, Daltile, Elysium
Toilet: Toto



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