

### CONSISTENT MATERIALS >

The marble wall wraps around the shower; the designers built out the shower wall so it looks like a block of four-inch-thick stone rather than tile applied on drywall. A glass surround looks light and modern, while walnut baseboards provide handsome contrast. **Showerhead**, Riobel; **towels**, Ginger's.

### MATERIAL MATTERS

**Size:** 135 sq.ft.  
**Floor:** 12" x 24" cross-veined Bianco Wood marble  
**Counters:** Walnut  
**Walls:** A mix of cross-veined marble and drywall  
**Fixtures:** Polished chrome  
**Hardware:** Elongated pulls



## Neat & Natural

Minimalism warms up with walnut and wood-grained marble.

You don't even have to ask: Esther Cheong and Paul Fantauzzi of design-build firm Z Axis Design are *definitely* minimalists. The colour palette of this contemporary ensuite is decidedly neutral, the materials organic and the accessories kept to the bare essentials. And, yet, this bathroom is anything but boring, thanks to a strong connection to the outdoors and a breathtaking Bianco Wood marble feature wall. "I find marble is beautiful, but it can also look busy," says Cheong. "But I was drawn to the linear quality of this particular stone." The horizontal striations of the tile echo the simple lines of the bathroom, which the couple initially designed for themselves before deciding to put the house up for sale. Though rooted in today's modern organic trends, this bathroom's look will endure no matter who the homeowner is.



### < CONSIDERED SIGHT LINES

The bathroom is located at the end of the principal bedroom's walk-through closet, so no doors were required, allowing the marble feature wall to stand out. Natural light floods in from a door and a wall of floor-to-ceiling windows at almost any time of day. **Design**, Esther Cheong and Paul Fantauzzi, Z Axis Design; **marble**, Olympia Tile; **towels**, Ginger's.

### ^ OVERSIZED SINK

The eight-foot-long custom vanity and mirror are both made from walnut, a material designers Esther Cheong and Paul Fantauzzi carried throughout the home. Rather than installing his-and-hers sinks, they opted for one long basin, which sits slightly off-centre on the vanity so as not to be perfectly symmetrical. Drawers at either end provide discreet storage. **Vanity**, Z Axis Design; **faucets**, Taps; **towels**, **wastebasket**, Ginger's.



#### OUTDOOR CONNECTION

A wall of windows visually extends the bathroom out to the second-floor balcony, taking advantage of lake views. The tub surround's corners are all mitred to make it appear that the tub is set into a solid slab of stone. *Nu Heat radiant heating system, Nedco; Dedon garden chair, Studio b.*

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