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winner **Bath Design:** Transitional/Modern





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Michaels captures the quiet elegance of an island spa with the simple geometric forms of oak cabinetry, white tile and stone. **opposite:** Cox added decorative details such as the distinctive chandelier and vintage gold-framed mirror.

## KAREN BERKEMEYER HOME

# organic mix

**W**hen Katie Cox enlisted Iris Michaels of Karen Berkemeyer Home to reinvent her master bath as a spa-like oasis, the homeowner envisioned Hawaii, a place where members of her family live, and an environment that she loves for its organic beauty and tranquility. Taking a cue from her client's inspiration, Michaels designed the room's fundamentals, carefully choosing elements to give the space a clean, modern look that is softened with a subtle palette; its materials suggest the colors and textures in nature.

For walls and floors, Michaels specified dolomite marble, a white stone with subtle veining in gray and gold. "It's a very quiet stone," says the designer, "and that choice informed my selection of other surfaces." White porcelain thassos tile in the shower, a glasslike quartz surface for vanity and sink tops, and mother of pearl mosaic tiles that cover the vanity wall add a reflective quality to the space's light, warming glow. The rectangular forms of the sink and vanity, fabricated in rough sawn oak, conform to an overall aesthetic of thoughtful simplicity.

Cox, who partners in Spencer Cox Interiors with her mother, collaborated with Michaels on the project, adding evocative decorative elements to finish the space. Lighting fixtures—a banana bark chandelier is a key component in the space—and such accessories as shells, corals and moisture-loving plants provide the atmospheric details that complete her original concept. —JO

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