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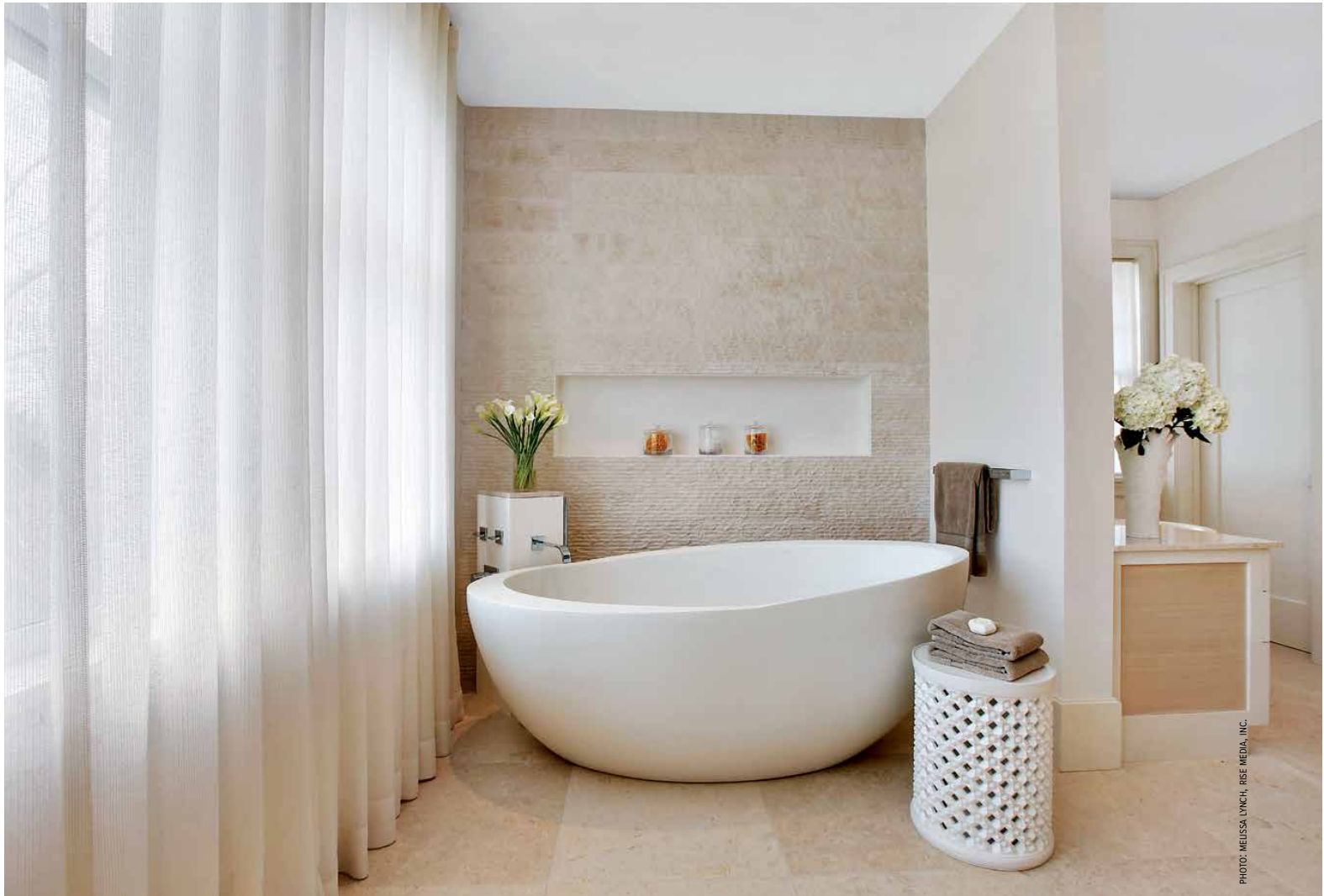


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## SUN BATHED

ENVISIONED BY DESIGNER BIRGIT KLEIN WITH WARM LIGHT AND TONY TEXTURE, A MASTER BATHROOM IN SAGAPONACK EVOKES A SPA-LIKE SERENITY.

**Walk me through your vision when dreaming up this space.** The owners live in the city so they wanted this house to be a place they could relax and feel comfortable in but that would also be modern and elegant. With the home being so close to the water, the owners wanted this space to reflect that, so we designed the master bathroom with the ocean's tranquil elements in mind. Stepping into your bathroom, you should feel a pause, a moment of calm and quiet that allows you to relax. Tranquil and spa-like were the goals for this room, which features

a freestanding soaker tub and crisp white accents set against chiseled-limestone and Venetian plaster walls.

**It looks like texture was also key.** I am a big fan of layering. It's fun to include multiple textures, patterns and fabrics within a space; a balance of high and low helps make a room feel more comfortable and creates a livable elegance. The textures in this space were crucial to setting the scene. We paired the cool stone texture of the limestone wall with warmer wood tones while keeping the palette light and airy.

**The natural light seems to flood the room with a dreamy energy.** Lighting is a big factor when setting the mood of a space, and natural light tends to create a warm, gently glowing tone that can't always be reproduced with a bulb. There should always be a mixture of both natural and decorative lighting, such as chandeliers and sconces, to play off of the standard overhead recessed lighting. Here, the whole house is very light and airy, and in the master bathroom especially. In the Hamptons, the natural light is very unique and beautiful—it's almost too hard to describe.

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