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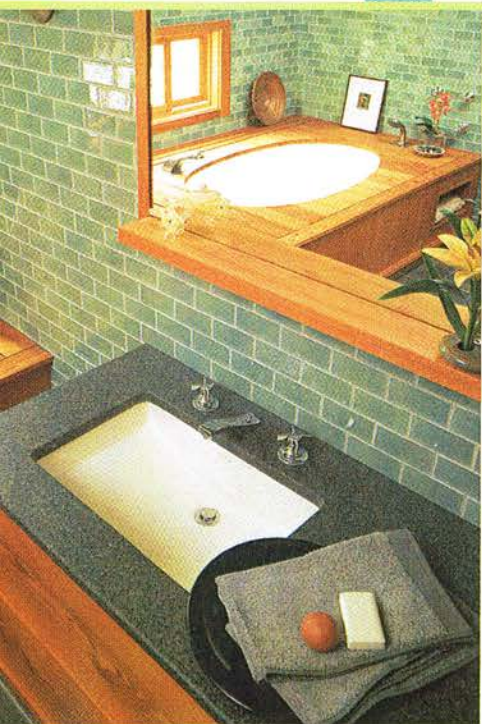
#### NATURE'S PALETTE

Inspired by a Santa Fe spa, this rooftop bathroom addition, OPPOSITE, gets its serene good looks from simple, earthy materials—cedar for the tub deck surround and window frames, Indian slate underfoot, aqua ceramic tiles on the walls. Piecing together different widths of cedar boards adds visual interest. The tub surround incorporates storage, keeping the bathroom clutter-free.

TODAY'S BATHROOMS ARE BIGGER, BOLDER  
AND BUILT FOR BOTH HIM AND HER

# making a splash

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**SOOTHING SOAK**  
Topped with honed black granite and clad in cedar, the vanity complements the soothing natural feel of the rest of the bath, ABOVE. The room's focus is the deep, oval tub with its wide cedar surround and rooftop views.

■ **Stressful times call for stress-busting measures.** That's one way to explain the boom in bathroom renovations, which are turning once-lowly water closets, basins and tubs into

the kind of spalike retreats that we're used to seeing only in, well, spas.

■ **Another explanation for the current focus on all things bath** is that, as our eyes and pocket-

books become more trained on the home in general—call it the cocooning of America—outdated kitchens and baths scream out to be brought into the 21st century. The typical 1930s bathroom, with the shower over the tub and barely enough room for a toilet and sink, seems increasingly out of step with contemporary lifestyles that put a premium on convenience and comfort. ■ **Bigger is better, at least when it**

**comes to bathrooms.** That's one of the most significant trends right now in bathroom design, says Joanne Hudson, owner of Joanne Hudson Associates in Philadelphia. In new construction, more space is being devoted to the bath, while in older homes, walls are being knocked down and spare bedrooms and closets sacrificed to enhance the bathing experience. Chaises and ottomans are finding their way into the bathroom, enhancing the feel of a sanctuary.



