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INSPIRATION: A high-end boutique hotel.

KEY ELEMENTS: Coordinated shower curtain and wallpaper, custom millwork, herringbone floors.

THIS MODEST-SIZE GUEST SPACE IN BETHESDA

is proof that a bathroom doesn't have to be gigantic to feel luxurious. In fact, its designer, Josh Hildreth, says he prefers to work on bathrooms of a more intimate scale because "you can treat them like a little jewel box." In this project, all of the carefully considered details amount to a whole that feels straight out of a sophisticated boutique hotel.

Custom millwork creates cove-like chambers for the shower and toilet, visually separating areas that might otherwise feel crammed together. It was also an elegant solution for the fact that the plumbing couldn't be moved. "When a toilet has to be center-stage," says Hildreth, "you have to think, 'How do we do this?"

Linear-patterned wallpaper and a matching shower curtain, both in a print by Schumacher, make a big impact in such a petite space. So, too, does the black herringbone floor. "We're layering patterns that make sense," explains Hildreth. "I think pattern is a small room's friend."



