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The Finishing Touch

MARBLE AND MOSAIC TILE CREATE A CLASSIC STYLE.



With gold trim and tired wood cabinetry, it was clear that the Palo Alto bathroom was due for an update. The client wanted “something far from the dated one that she had—something ultramodern with clean and crisp lines,” says Jennifer Ho of De Anza Interior, an NKBA-certified kitchen and bath designer. She started to design a contemporary bathroom, but one that also had classic materials and subtle detailing.

Family owned and operated since 1998, De Anza Interior has made its reputation delivering modern, high-quality interiors to its clients. No strangers to obstacles, the De Anza team bounced back quickly after a devastating three-alarm fire destroyed their showroom and design offices in 2007. The team set up a makeshift office within

hours and proclaimed on their website, “A little fire is not going to dampen our spirits.”

The De Anza team tackled the Palo Alto bathroom, transforming the space into a calm sanctuary with the help of specialty manufacturers such as AKDO. The retreat’s elegant Carrara marble tile flooring and shower walls contrasts with the contemporary graphite-gray cabinetry. To add a dynamic pattern, the De Anza team created an accent border using AKDO’s Matrix Thassos / Azul Celeste mosaic. The pattern is repeated in two long strips flanking the shower wall and decorates the backsplash. Best known for its natural stone, industry leader AKDO has been importing stone slabs, tiles and handcrafted mosaics for more than two decades.

“It’s a subtle note that makes all the difference,” says Ho. “We make sure that we deliver something special every time.”