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Contractor: **Lyon Construction + Design** 

Interior Designer: **Jill Tran Interior Design**

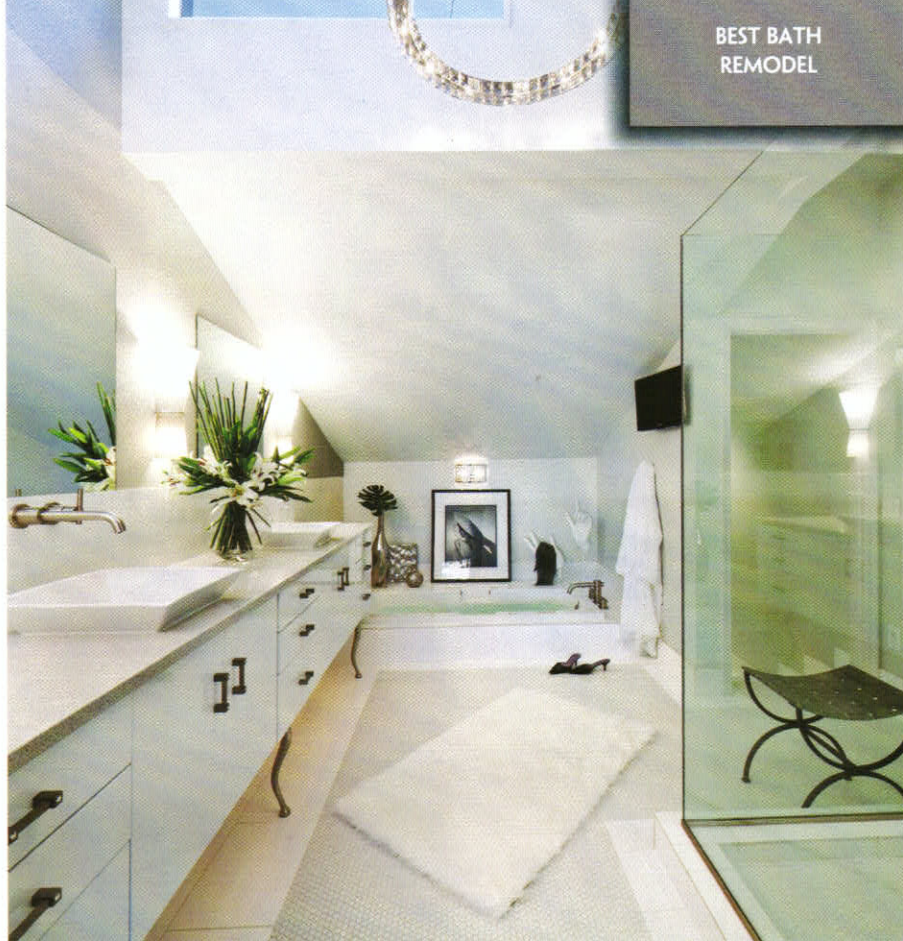


**The Goal:** To update and open up the space to better suit the owners' contemporary taste.

**The Challenge:** Working long-distance with a San Francisco-based architect and expanding the master suite by sacrificing the hall guest bath.

**The Result:** A new skylight and glass elements invite natural sunlight into this space. Plumbing was reworked and holes were drilled into both the floor and ceiling to accommodate the skylight and new jet tub, while an elevated vanity allows views of the continuous tile border along the floor. The new bathroom is topped off with a crystal glass light fixture, glass-beaded wallpaper, and his-and-her sinks.

**The Judges Liked:** The glamorous finishes as well as the repeated design elements.



**BEST BATH  
REMODEL**

Contractor: **ALH Home Renovations** 



**The Goal:** To bring the tropical charm of the Virgin Islands to this outdated and boxy Midwestern kitchen.

**The Challenge:** Ridding the kitchen of areas confined by doorways and walls, which were supporting a significant percentage of the roof's weight.

**The Result:** A new structural beam not only opened up the floor plan but also enabled the removal of walls that secluded each space. Skylights were installed, allowing natural light to flood the kitchen, and backsplash tiles resemble the blue waters of the Caribbean. To match, aqua blue pendants and Volga blue granite counters decorate the island. Brazilian flooring was installed in the kitchen, stairwell and loft as well as a custom-built bench seat that overlooks the living room.

**The Judges Liked:** The tile backsplash with hidden outlets incorporated.



**BEST KITCHEN  
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