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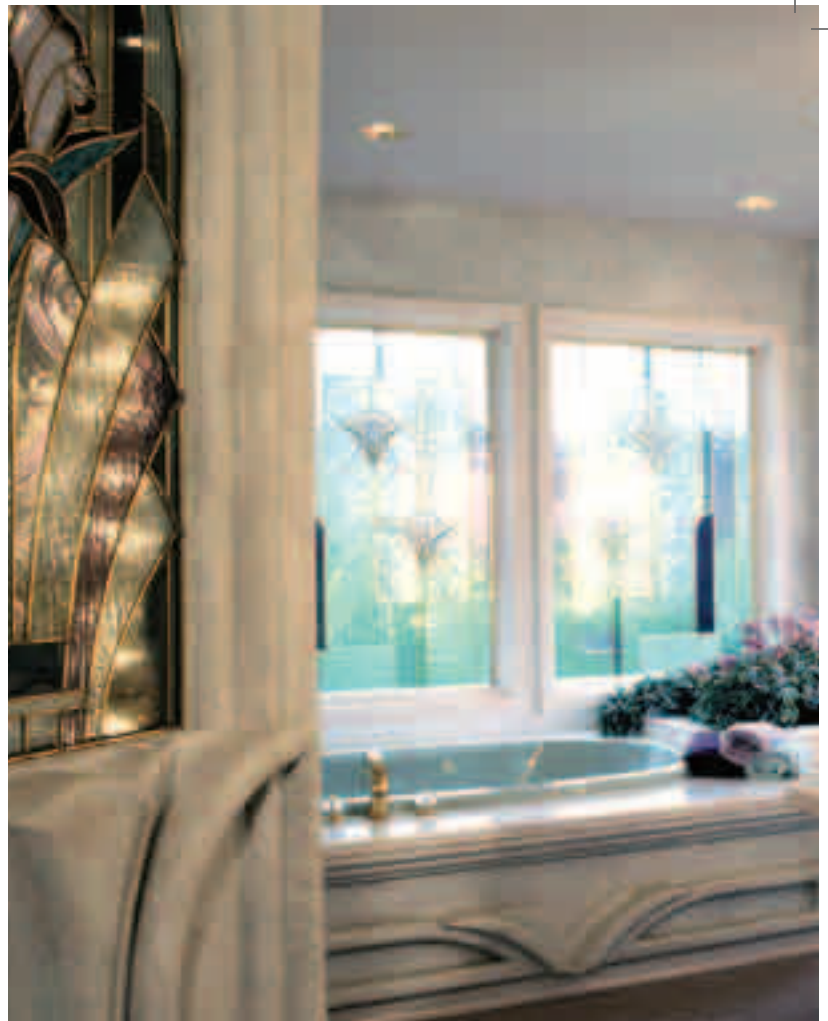
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great against the chrome and white.

The European look in decorating has been a big influence for the last few years and is still quite popular in new homes and remodeling projects. This is also reflected in the bath area, especially the master bathroom. This larger space allows a designer to bring in pieces of furniture such as an antique vanity or chest to be converted to a sink cabinet. In fact, you may even see towels stored in armoires or an antique linen press instead of closets. This type of theme may also include rustic marble floors, columns and elaborate architectural details. Faux finishes, artistic murals and aged, painted walls are among many options. To complete the look, there are often large windows adorned with elegant fabrics and marble floors softened with oriental or hand-hooked rugs.

Another theme that is making a statement in the bath of the new millennium is the Asian therapeutic décor. The main objective is to bring in the elements from nature, such as stone, water and plants. Modern Asian design balances well with natural elements. These bathrooms often opt for an unusual basin for the sink, and the available choices are numerous. Other elements of this Asian theme include waterfall faucets, lots of glass including glass block and spa features such as steam showers and vertical spas. This style often has an open floor plan with no walls for the shower. Windows might reveal a private garden, and there may be French doors that open to a private patio. Colors are usually neutral tones with black and white accents. These rooms have a simplistic, open, airy feel and create an uncluttered look. Bamboo plants, candles and built-in speakers with relaxing nature sounds or music can create the perfect therapeutic retreat. Organized storage hidden in baskets or behind doors is important. Perhaps enough space for a message table would complete the therapeutic theme.