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# Views from the Top

Step into this penthouse bath, and you feel as if you're walking amid the clouds. Glass walls and an adjoining terrace blur the lines between indoors and out, and light, gleaming surfaces throughout the bath sparkle when the morning sun pours in. Inspired by the design of conservatories, the room's strong outdoor connection softens its minimalist lines, and innovative technology helps preserve privacy.

"Our goal was to make the entire space appear weightless, up in the clouds," architect Jim Winer says. The design brings the homeowners the luxury and serene version of modern design they craved, thanks to expansive windows showcasing 180-degree views and shimmery, translucent materials.

The tub and shower sit within a glass-paneled space with teak decking. This placement keeps the overall look light and airy and maximizes access to

Abundant windows paired with glass panels around the tub and shower allow bathers to soak in views of the Atlanta skyline. An electronic fogging mechanism on the windows provides privacy when desired.

surrounding outdoor views. The bath's walls and ceiling feature ¾-inch-thick translucent resin panels backed with white paint, which are designed to resemble warm white clouds. The vanity, with two sinks and large mirrors, reflects light back from an interior wall. Its blond wood helps warm the space without contrasting too much with the bath's other materials. Surrounding mother-of-pearl mosaic tile adds translucent shimmer to the vanity area.

With so much glass on the room's perimeter, privacy was of course a concern—but the design team came up with a creative solution that doesn't impinge on the overall design strategy. "We had to shade bathers in a way that wouldn't compromise the brilliant light and air," Winer says. "That's where technology came into play."

The team installed double-paned glass walls that are filled with clear layers of a conductive material. With the flip of a switch, the glass fogs over, providing the desired privacy. When the homeowners flip the switch again, the glass clears and the skyline views return.

Thanks to this cutting-edge technology, the homeowners can enjoy the best of both worlds: a cocoon of privacy and jaw-dropping views. Whether sunlight is pouring in and bouncing off the bath's many reflective surfaces or a rainy day is enveloping the room in a soft, soothing light, the space gives the homeowners their own private sky-high retreat. "The room just glows," Winer says. **DK&B**

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**OPPOSITE TOP:** Glass doors near the tub lead to an outdoor terrace. Black ash trim on the east-facing windows and doors, as well as the ceiling, offers a crisp contrast to the room's light color palette.

**OPPOSITE BOTTOM:** With a blend of warm wood, flat-front cabinet panels, and gleaming hardware, the dual-sink vanity features a soft contemporary style.

**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:** Set on an interior wall, the vanity's mirrors reflect light streaming in from surrounding exterior walls.

The shower features two traditional showerheads, a pan-style showerhead that simulates a downpour, and a handheld fixture.

A fold-down shower bench constructed of translucent resin adds convenience.

