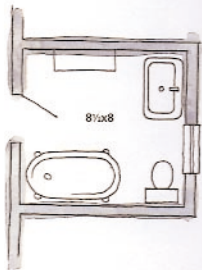


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Although the compact room (left) is simple, grandeur is created with petite details, such as the blue diamonds in the floor and the delicate floral border on the wall. To create the effect on the floor, white

ceramic tiles were cut at the corners to accommodate the blue insets. Rose selected vintage-looking metal bath accessories (left and below) to complete the romantic Victorian setting.

tranquil charm

A cozy location under a sloping roofline, a large window, and blue-and-white ceramic tiles are the key building details seen in this intimate, light-filled guest bath at the Forest Hill Gardens, New York, home of Rose and Michael Zaretsky. "It's a charming mini-haven," says Rose. "There's always a nice breeze flowing into the bright room." Adding a vintage-style pedestal sink, a claw-foot tub, and metal hardware and bath accessories enhanced the bathroom's restful atmosphere by prompting visitors to reminisce about a time when life seemed less complicated.

The Zaretskys worked with cabinetmakers to design a deep storage cabinet above the toilet. "About 75 percent of the unit is built into the wall," says Michael. "It stores everything from medicines to makeup." Lace placed in the glass doors hides the clutter inside.

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