A VANCOUVER BATHROOM GETS A MODERN MAKEOVER WITH OLD WORLD CHARM.

Photography by JANIS NICOLAY
When Ami saw that her client was replacing her bedroom dresser, she suggested they relocate it to the bathroom to use as a vanity. “I immediately saw it as the focal point of the room and a way to add global charm,” says Ami. She customized the piece with a grey marble countertop, reworked the interior drawers, then added two round vessel sinks and wall-mounted faucets in brushed bronze.

The dated built-in bathtub and tile surround were replaced with a new freestanding version with a floor-mounted tub filler in the same brushed bronze as the sink faucets. "The warm finish of the tub filler is close to the colour of the wood on the vanity," says Ami. "It helps bring all the elements together." Instead of placing a light fixture over the tub, Ami decided to fill the negative space at one end with two asymmetrically hung pendants covered in antiqued mirror.

To create a spa-like feel, the designer relocated an existing sauna from the bedroom into the bathroom and designed a brand new shower. Because the butter yellow and blue floor tiles provide plenty of colour and pattern, Ami kept the shower walls simple with sleek white tile. A rain showerhead, along with new diverters and controls, modernize the shower.

The key was introducing natural materials to get that old world charm
— AMI McKay, DESIGNER