

## Five-Star Luxury

Bringing a little bit of London and little bit of Manhattan home to Warwick.

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## HILE MANY LOVE A HOTEL FOR ITS LOCATION, SOME, like globetrotters Michael and Aili Calore of Warwick, go for the decor. In fact, when these homeowners were ready to renovate their master bathroom, they decided to model it after two of their favorite places: the Surrey Hotel in Manhattan and the Connaught in London. Having witnessed **Red House Custom Building** (RHCB) restore a timeworn church turned modern home, they knew Justin Zeller, owner and general manager of the design/build company, and his team had the expertise and resources to make their vision happen.

RHCB's success is a result of true collaboration between its staff designers, lead carpenters and clients. After learning what the Calores loved most about both lodgings, Red House combined the details to create their desired look. Once Red House and the Calores worked out a plan that coincided with their budget, a crew of highly skilled craftspeople got to work under lead carpenter Leon Filmer. The Surrey's all-white streamline showers inspired the double showerheads and seamless white Corian walls, while the Connaught's ornate black and white floors inspired the master suite's white marble tiling with black granite trim. RHCB also replaced the



couple's wardrobe with a custom fabricated closet that is more than twice the size of the original.

Throughout the process, the Calores tracked the project's progress with an online project management system through RHCB's website. They were impressed with not only their ability to communicate directly with the on-site team, but also with the communication that occurred within the crew itself. "Usually you need to hire someone to design, someone to build and so on, and it might be difficult to coordinate and less efficient all-around," says



Calore. "But with Red House it was such a seamless continuity. They acted as one professional, cohesive unit."

Of the finished result, Calore says, "They caught our vision beautifully." Now he and his wife don't need to cross the pond to feel like they're getting away: They can just cross their bedroom's threshold. HD

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