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THREE QUESTIONS FOR...

Foley & Cox

1 | WHICH COLORS MAKE A GREAT MATCH? Navy blue and French blue. It's a classic combination, and it creates a great backdrop for pops of canary yellow, bright coral, or fire engine red.

2 | WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE DECORATING TRICK? We find whimsical illustrations from vintage children's books and put them in modern white frames. They give character to a playroom, a child's bedroom, or a bathroom—where you don't want to expose valuable art to steam.

3 | IS THERE A DECORATING NO-NO THAT'S ACTUALLY OK? You don't have to preserve the exact look of an heirloom. Reinvent it instead. Paint stripes on a dresser or stain it in a darker color to give it new life.

a spalike bathroom

THE LOOK | "White is clean and soothing," says Mary Foley, who with partner Michael Cox created a serene space, painted in Gardenia, with just a few leafy green accents. **THE IDEAS** | "A monochromatic palette can make a room seem larger because your eye continues to move along rather than stopping at patterns or colors," says Foley. The team mixed matte and shiny finishes, painting the chair and the tray in a glossy white, adding accessories and fixtures, like a wooden bowl and a honed marble sink, and incorporating a variety of textures, including a terry-cloth bench cushion and a sea-grass rug. Simple linen sheers act as "a soft wall" to relax the otherwise boxy space.

THE DESIGNERS | *Mary Foley and Michael Cox run a design firm in New York City and own a furnishings shop in Hudson, New York.*