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Wolk's illustrious career spans more than two decades of award-winning furniture, graphic and interior designs. His furniture is manufactured by such top-notch firms as Directional, Dellarobia, Loewenstein and Design America, which handles the celebrated Tucker chair seen in the movie *Batman Returns*. • With all that, Wolk, who started as an industrial designer, turned out a sensual bathroom in a 14,000-square-foot home by architect Mitch Kunik. • The home sits in an exclusive Palm Beach County neighborhood adjacent to a private lake, which the master suite overlooks. "The architecture was there," Wolk says, but he fine-tuned certain areas, adding, for example, a vaulted ceiling in the bathroom. • The center of the bathroom holds a huge, double tub sheathed in wood that sits beneath the vault. Symmetrically across is an oversized shower for two, but all other functional items are doubled. Wolk made the most of the "his, her and our" sections with limestone covering the walls and floors. A custom wood-and-glass interior door, matching those seen throughout the house, reinforces the room's overall congruity. Vanity cabinetry crafted of rich, dark sapeli wood holds smart-looking custom vessel sinks. Lighted niches on both his and her sides introduce further distinction to the space. • "When a client does not totally define the program," says Wolk, "we don't do anything that wouldn't be appropriate for the space, the time and the budget." • Under those conditions, he creates a space – such as this one – he'd love to be in.

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