

# Personalizing Your Bath Renovation...How To Get Started

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2013 was a strong year for remodeling and renovation projects, and 2014 is proving to be just as busy, especially in kitchens and baths. Bathrooms, in particular have gained popularity. They are a smaller space and often quicker and less costly to renovate than kitchens. In addition to increasing the value of your home, updating and personalizing a bath enhances your everyday life by providing a more functional and enjoyable space. Here are a few steps toward a personalized bath:

## Identify The Problem

Identifying the problems with your existing bathroom is the first step in the process. The problem may be dated pink tile that has been there since the 80's (aesthetic problem) or continually bumping into your spouse in the morning while dressing for the day (space problem). But often the issue is behind a wall like a leak in the shower or tub (plumbing problem). It is crucial to make a laundry list of issues early in the process to help your design professional come up with the best solutions.



**Above:** Contemporary Master Bath: Using space from an adjacent room, this 220 sq ft. master spa includes a custom vanity, linen tower, and a bathing suite with a jet-powered tub and custom shower; **left:** Sparkling Powder Room: A glass wall hung vessel sink and deep terracotta wall color transform this tiny powder room. Say's client Mary Gajewski, "It turned out to be our 'wow' room!"; **below:** Rustic Chic Guest Bath: A custom furniture - inspired vanity, porcelain "wood" plank tiles, and homeowner's artwork and accessories turn this standard bath layout into a chic and personalized space. Courtesy photos

## Consider Your Space

Carving out space from an adjacent room can increase the square footage of your bath. A recent

client took the space from a room next to the master bath that housed an old, broken outdoor hot tub (see photo - master bath). For an average sized bath with no room to grow, materials and selections make all the difference (see photo - guest bath). "Yamini had a custom vanity built to look like an antique dresser, topped it with marble, and added rustic elements to achieve the farmhouse look we were after," says client Mary Henderson. Even a tiny powder room can be transformed with a vibrant paint color and reflective finishes (see photo - powder room).

## Establish A Budget & Wish List

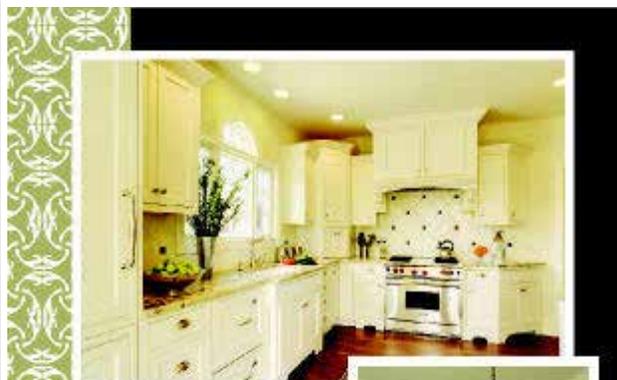
Having an idea of how much you would like to spend on your project

and prioritizing your needs will help your bath professional present the best design solutions. For example, for a current client who loves the look of Carrera marble, we are using an amazing porcelain tile resembling Carrera to clad his shower walls. This enables him to keep the higher end polished nickel faucets and fixtures he loves.

Whether you are considering a full blown renovation or simply making cosmetic changes, these

initial steps can save time, money and make the process much more enjoyable!

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