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Even before entering this bathroom one gains a sense of feminine elegance and organization. The pristine ambiance is echoed in the bathroom with the harmonizing French Vanilla hand glazed cabinetry. The gold trim on the wainscoting around the entire room beautifully accents the gold hardware and fixtures at the vanity.

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# Where Do We Go FROM Here?

Re-thinking Your "Diamond In The Rough"

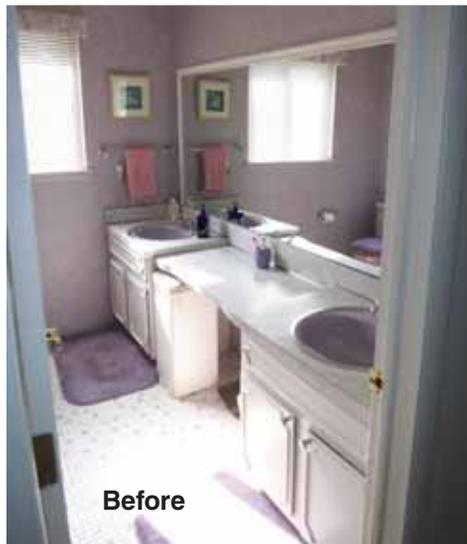
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Vanity, medicine and linen cabinets are integrated using mirrored fronts. **CRYSTAL CABINET WORKS'** French Villa Square door; Signature Portrait Frosty White with Butterscotch highlights. **Designer:** Mark Edelson. **Photography:** John Stilman.

**D**o you wish you could have a larger master bathroom when you flip through designer magazines or watch the makeover shows on television? Do you believe that the only way to achieve this is to move into a larger home? The answer to your transformation dreams may be literally right around the corner. We are about to walk you through ways to think outside of the confines of your existing four walls and help guide you through the many choices available in luxurious products on the market.

You do not have to build a brand new home to get the bathroom of your dreams. Sometimes the older the home, the more opportunity there is for expansion. Several older homes were designed with many small rooms, little closets and wasted space throughout the entire house. This is a big contrast to the layouts in more modern homes. Though today's style of open concepts will most likely continue well into the future, if you live in a



**Before**

mature home please do not feel defeated before you start.

A major trend we will be seeing in years to come is a shift back to the construction of smaller homes. This shift means that designers will need to hone their creative skills to plan a space within a smaller scale that incorporates all of the conveniences their clients' desire. Join

us as we explore the steps you'll take and some of the exciting choices you will get to make once you undergo your transformation.

The first step is to compile a wish list. Imagine your dream bathroom and start jotting down all of the components that make up that room. You will need to consider all aspects of the design including: the theme, plumbing fixtures, lighting choices, flooring, wall coverings, cabinetry, etc. In the next couple of pages we will give you a few things to think about when making your choices.

Let's start with the theme. Do you envision your room with the clean lines and tranquil colors that mimic a luxurious spa? Perhaps you have always longed for an elegant, warm room that brings you back to your travels along the Mediterranean. Either way, when thinking about the theme you want to capture, keep in mind, this room should be designed for you. It should

"In a smaller area you can still create grandness. If you can't expand out, expand up." Designed by Leigh Ann and Tereza Hello, The Cabinet Studio (Canada) Inc.



**After**



Majestic yet stylish: The Old Continental Collection from **WOOD-MODE CABINETRY**. Barcelona with Florentine finish (vanity); Square Edge Esperanto (hutch).



The ruggedly handsome Nob Hill collection in Alder wood from **DURA SUPREME**.



Personalize your bath with fresh, innovative designs from **MACKENZI-CHILDS**. Coordinating tile, knobs and basins available.

help invigorate your senses in the morning, yet peaceful enough to calm you before you turn out the lights.

Lighting is a critical part of any design, not only for its basic function but also to create an ambiance in the room. Lighting comes in many forms. Think outside of the light box, so to speak. Position a

Two vanities and a lowered makeup area featuring bow-front cabinetry are paired with Quest cabinets from **CRYSTAL CABINET WORKS**.

**Photography:** Thoen & Associates.

Crisp, updated cottage style. **Designer:** John Starck, Jr., Showcase Kitchens, New York. **Interior decorator:** Karen Arpino. **QUALITY CUSTOM CABINETRY**. **Photography:** Ric Marder.





**DURA SUPREME** offers a freestanding vanity table program with optional drawer configurations and decorative turned posts. As more and more homeowners consider remodeling, these furniture-like vanity tables are a perfect complement for master baths and powder rooms.

couple of sconces at the basin flanking the mirror. Drape a beautiful chandelier above your soaking tub. Strategically place recessed lighting throughout the space. Perhaps a cute little table model would fit nicely on the tank of your toilet. No matter the style of your room, these suggestions can all be adapted and easily incorporated into your space.

An additional touch that does not cost a lot but brings extraordinary results is adding a dimmer switch to your lighting choices. This is a powerful technique that should be carried throughout your home. It will allow you to vary light intensity and in turn vary the mood.

Mirrors are also an item that should

Traditional meets contemporary with **VANITY FLAIR'S** Tavern Collection.



The vastness of this bath suite was made to feel warm and comfortable with custom alder wood cabinetry, unique patterning of tile, and textural wall coverings.

**Designer:** Jane Page Crump, Houston. **Photography:** Rob Muir.



Barcelona vanity from **WOOD-MODE**. **Designer:** Tom Shirley, Cabinets and Designs, Inc. **Photography:** Walt Roycraft.

be purchased and placed properly. Too many mirrors can quickly date a room. Mirrors over the basin(s) must be in proportion to the space and wall in which they hang. You will also want to consider purchas-



**WOOD-MODE'S** Connoisseur bath in Black Forest.



**SONIA** furniture for the bath.



1 **TOTO'S** new Waza Miyabe Golden Plum & Bamboo suite.

2 **KOHLER'S** Espree™ high-performance toilet saves 20% more water than a standard 1.6 gpf toilet, earning it the respected "Water Sense" certificate.

3 **BRONDELL'S** Swash advanced toilet seats not only look good and function like a bidet, they also save the user 75%-100% of their toilet paper use!

4 **LAUFEN'S** Modern Classic Ilbagnoalessi One ceramic toilet and bidet.

5 **VILLEROY & BOCH'S** Aveo toilet and bidet.





Delightful Period-style with "Paris" from **WATERMARK**.



Red tempered glass vessel with waterfall faucet from **KRAUS**.



**ILVA** launches the Patch Series, a one-of-a-kind porcelain mosaic tile with an ultra-contemporary look.



**Above and inset:** Designed to complement the most beautiful of interiors, the Fashion Collection by **PEDINI** of Italy is characterized by its silky smooth reflective surfaces. Refined and exciting in its design, this range embraces elements of the past as well as the present. Its objective is to provide luxury and comfort in volumes.

The **SYNC System** by **STONE FOREST** features modern and modular bathroom sinks in a stunning variety of natural stones.

**KRAUS'** white ceramic vessel sinks are available in a variety of shapes that will complement any style of bathroom décor. Shown with a single lever deck-mounted vessel faucet from Kraus.

**BLU BATHWORKS** creates contemporary, beautifully proportioned bathware, all designed by award-winning international architect, Michael Gottschalk. [WWW.BLUBATHWORKS.COM](http://WWW.BLUBATHWORKS.COM)





Water cascades over a glass disk with the **HANSAMURANO** faucet collection for basin, tub and shower.



**ROHL'S** San Julio deck mount tub filler with handshower, part of the Country Bath Collection. [www.rohlhome.com](http://www.rohlhome.com)



The **PERRIN & ROWE** Edwardian Exposed Thermostatic Shower features graceful traditional styling. Available from **ROHL**. [www.rohlhome.com](http://www.rohlhome.com)



Get customized luxury with the Multipurpose Shower System from **WATERMARK**.



The open watercourse of **KWC'S** Canyon becomes illuminated from blue to red according to temperature.

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**KWC** and **HANSA** customize the shower experience with award-winning systems including the Hansacolourshower.



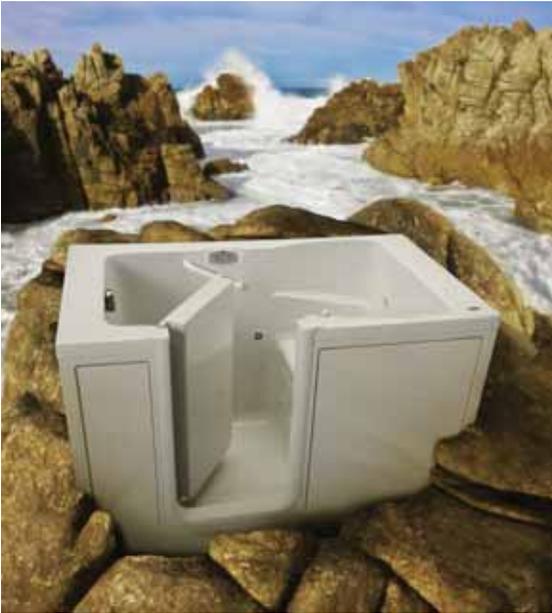
The new Vincent Series, part of **ROHL'S** Trans-Modern Collection, is inspired by the Saint-Vincent region of Northern Italy. [www.rohlhome.com](http://www.rohlhome.com)



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**TOTO'S Soirée Freestanding Island Soaker Tub** for those who opt for "a good long soak".



**BARCLAY Cast Iron Double Slipper Tub.**

ing a mirror with the magnified feature. This is not only a great feature as we age, but it helps with the delicacies of our pampering.

The most used fixture in the room is the sink (or "basin" when referring to the bathroom). The variations in color, material, size and style is abundant but the trend that should

seriously be considered is the use of double bowls. Keep this in mind, even if you are a single person looking to renovate your master bath, as this is one of the key aspects potential homeowners look for when buying a house.

People are now holding the quality of their life as a high priority and

so tubs are becoming a more prominent component of our designs. Baths have not only improved aesthetically but have advanced as a therapeutic tool for both your mind and your muscles. With massaging jets to work away the knots in your back and the stiffness in your feet, along with the sophistication in newer models that incorporate light

**DIAMOND SPAS' new stainless steel soaking tub with bamboo skirting.**



**NEPTUNE'S freestanding Ametys tub** can be customized with whirlpool, jet and music features. Shown with optional Spanish Cedar trimming, stand and shelf.





**DORNBRACHT** Sangha wall-mounted rainshower.

and sound therapy, you will receive an all around peaceful experience. If you only have time for a shower but your body is still begging you for some sort of relief, you are in luck. Showers have also come a long way over the past couple of years. With all of the showerheads, ceiling tiles, steam features, pulsating wall jets, and body sprays available, you will have the flexibility to create a custom showering experience that will leave your body thanking you and your mind wondering what took you so long to make the change.

Toilet selection: “A toilet is a toilet, let’s pick one and move on.” This may have been the case years ago when your biggest decision was whether to pick the white, bone or lavender bowl. Today there are many choices and options. A few features to think about are the self-closing lid, the dual flush system and the higher toilet bowl, a great option for our mature

clients. The reintroduction of the bidet is gaining in popularity. If you do not like the look of two toilets in your bathroom or you do not have the space consider the toilet with bidet functionality.

When making your cabinetry selections you want to be sure to choose a high quality supplier, one that prides itself in their finishing process. Due to the many fluctuations in temperature and moisture

**ENKEBOLL** fine architectural wood carvings. Bathroom design by Rita’s Interiors, Scottsdale, AZ & Naples, FL.





“Convert your bath into a world class spa” with **THERMASOL'S** Steamshower.

in the bathroom throughout the day and the need to constantly wipe the doors clean the longevity of the cabinetry will be compromised if quality is not a priority. Another tip when considering the cabinetry for your space, ask for a taller cabinet. A lot of people revert to the old rule of vanity height (32-inches with countertop) in the bathrooms and base height (36-inches with countertop) only in the kitchen. Vanity height is fine in powder rooms and even guest baths. However, with the amount of time we spend bending over our bathroom basins, brushing, cleaning and shaving, it only makes sense to raise the cabinet height for your main bathroom if your stature is average or taller.

Now that you know what height you want for the countertop, how do you decide which surface to use? There are many materials available from laminate to granite to glass to wood. In this space our biggest concern

was always water and making sure the surface can hold up against it. Focusing on this issue we tend to forget about the heating elements, curling irons, flat irons and dryers, as well as the different oils that can affect the surface. So aside from aesthetics you want to make sure to consider these factors.

What about flooring? We know that carpeting is no longer, nor should it have ever been, an option in the bathroom but which material should you choose? Many people feel that only hard surfaces should be used in the bathroom. This is not the case. Remember the master bath is an extension of your master bedroom so there shouldn't be a harsh divide between the feelings of the two rooms. If you are looking for a spa experience you may select a glass floor covering or perhaps for a warmer feel you may like bamboo under your feet. No matter what you choose there is one suggestion that will eventually turn into a necessity and that is heated flooring. Many people love ceramic or porcelain tiles due to its durability. The number one complaint, though, is how cold it is to the touch. Heated flooring allows you to enjoy the best of both worlds, beauty and comfort. A great addition to the room is lit tiles used for both the floor and the walls allowing enough light to help guide you through the room without breaking your sleep.

All of the options available can easily become overwhelming but with the right designer by your side the choices will be narrowed down and your mind will easily be relieved.

We have one last suggestion to keep in mind when shopping for these

items. Terms such as “going green” and “sustainability” are becoming part of our everyday speech. Everyone is trying to think of ways to help improve the environment not only for us but for future generations. When redesigning your new master bath you have the opportunity to do your little part to help. There are many products on the market today that are energy and water efficient. Although it can be confusing, the government has taken strides to help out the consumer in finding these products. For your lighting needs look for the Energy Star label, and when purchasing plumbing fixtures you will want to look for the Water Sense label. Not only will you be saving

**Below and inset:** The York Column Ensemble from **JACLO** is an all-in-one fixture with two overhead adjustable-angle rain tiles plus a waterfall showerhead and hand shower.





**MTI WHIRLPOOLS'** new three-sided glass shower enclosure. Shown with optional teak shower tray.

the environment you will be saving money over the life of the products.

Now that you have a good idea of what you would like your new room to look like and what you would like it to contain, how do you go from your existing space to this new design concept? Where do you begin? Before undertaking this sort of renovation, the first step is to call in the experts. If you have floor plans of the existing home this will allow you to look at the boxes of the entire space and will help you figure out which rooms, closets and hallways are available for the expansion. If you don't have a professional set of floor plans, grab a piece of paper and a pencil and make up your own set. It does not need to be perfect at this point. You simply want a map of where you are so you can make a plan of where you want to go.

Let's look at a very common scenario, one that may be similar in your home. Many older homes have a bath with a single basin, a

tub under the window and of course a toilet. Connecting off the bathroom, before you reach the bedroom, you may find a makeup area that contains another basin and across from this, an entrance to a closet. Once you leave the bedroom and walk into the hallway you may find a few more tiny linen/clothes closets next to one another. Upon further investigation you will recognize this floor plan can easily be improved. All three closets seem to fit into one another and if knocked out would allow you to reinvent the small collection into a large beautiful oasis. This being said, please don't think that if you do not have the room to open up the space that you will not be able to achieve the style you desire. In a smaller area you can still create grandness. If you can't expand out, expand up. Purchase a deeper, sleeker single tub, heighten your vanity, add double basins to the design and then with the proper accessories both inside the cabinetry and around the room you will create the grandness and convenience of a luxurious

space. By comparing the original floor plan against your desired layout you will see how the wasted space can become more useable and attractive.

Keep in mind renovations are not about re-inventing the wheel. It is all about making the wheel you already have work more efficiently and giving it a new style you will love for years to come. Thinking through the project before breaking any walls or purchasing any products will save massive amounts of money, time, and headaches in the long run. When redesigning this space you want to be sure that you think of the bathroom in its entirety and that you address the needs of all the functions you plan to perform in the space. Finding the right designer will help you do this while keeping you on track of achieving your vision.

If your existing space is a diamond in the rough do not give up on it too quickly. Remember that a modestly sized home can still include the master bath of your dreams with all the luxuries you desire.



The mother-daughter design duo of **Tereza** and **Leigh Ann Hello**, own and are principal designers of The Cabinet Studio (Canada) Inc. Together they assist clients who are looking for unique design services or need help managing a project from start to finish. Established by Tereza over a decade ago, The Cabinet Studio (Canada) Inc. serves clientele across North America. To see more of their work or contact one of their talented designers for an upcoming project please visit their online showroom located at [www.TheCabinetStudio.ca](http://www.TheCabinetStudio.ca)