

Renderings



Finding Space without Adding Space



Master Bath After



Master Bath Before

A Change of "Plans"

The owners of this classic Edina home desired an updated and spacious master bath—but they didn't want to add on.

With the help of Plekkenpol Builders, they were able to find the ideal solution within the existing footprint of the home. Since their children are no longer living there, the main hall bath was larger than necessary and infrequently used. Adjacent to that was the smaller-than-desired master bath. The decision was made to reallocate space from the hall bath to the master bath, creating a spacious and beautiful master suite.

To create this spa-like bath, the homeowners chose ivory ceramic tile and a natural quartz countertop in shades of blue and gold. Translucent glass mosaic accent tile draws the room together. Turn the page to view before and after floor plans and see how space can be creatively redistributed to fit a family's changing needs.

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Soft colors create a spa-like feel



Finding Space without Adding Space *Continued*



Hall Bath After



Hall Bath Before

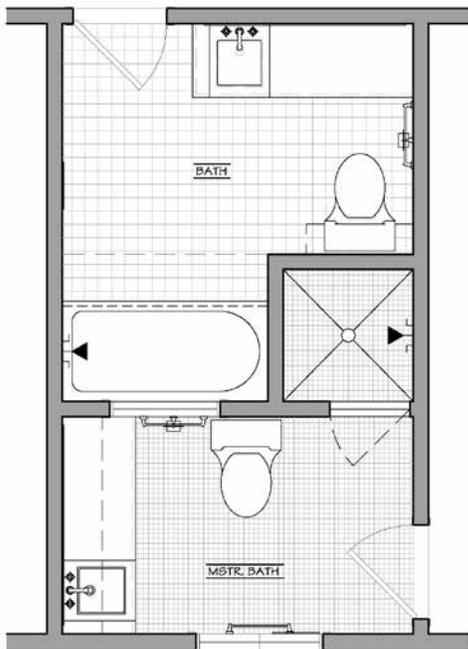


Hall Bath Before

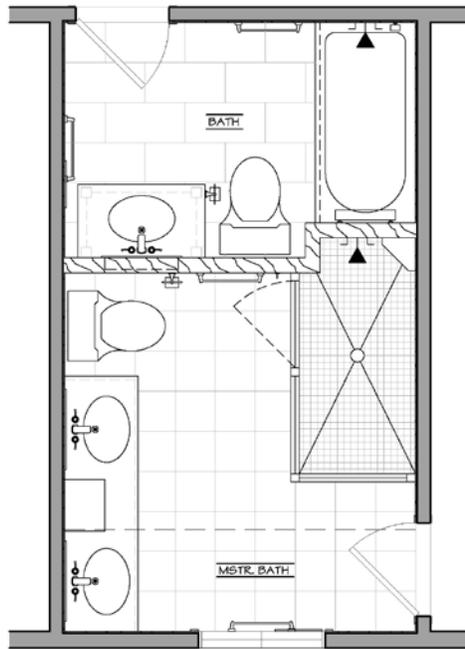


Hall Bath After

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Master Bath/Hall Bath Before



Master Bath/Hall Bath After

Rethink the pink!

The hall bath was remodeled and reconfigured for better use of space. In addition to replacing the pink with pearly champagne tile and rich brown woodwork, the layout was updated. The new vanity now stands where the tub once was. Even with some space reallocated to the master bath, the room remains comfortable and functions perfectly as the home's main hall bath.

A change of "plans"

Before and after floor plans of the two baths show how space was redistributed from the hall bath to the master bath. The result is a new floor plan that addresses the family's changing needs.

"We are 100% satisfied with our bathrooms," say the homeowners. "The work is flawless and done on budget, on time. Your work crew is professional and are masters of their trade!"

Going Green

Eco-friendly Home Remodeling

Environmentally-friendly improvements can save money and help protect the environment.

Green practices in home remodeling have marked a shift in the way we live today. Homes built today are 100% more energy-efficient than homes built in the 1970s*. Green improvements can ultimately save money as well as help protect the environment. Here is a list of ways to incorporate environmentally friendly practices into your home or your next home remodeling project:

The Evolution of “green”

“Green” is evolving and will continue to evolve as we learn more about products and understand the steps involved in bringing products to market. As an advocate for the environment, it is important that you educate yourself and take all facts regarding products into account. Ask questions, do appropriate research and come to your own conclusions.

Go beyond the claims of “green,” “sustainable,” “natural,” “organic” and other environmentally-friendly buzz words. Energy efficiency, water and resource conservation, good indoor air quality, sustainability of resources (grows quickly and is easily replenished), as well as the ability to reuse or recycle products, are considered green attributes.

“Greenwashing” is a term used to describe how many products claim to be green when they actually result in a negative environmental impact. A product that is hailed as green may not be considered green once you take into account the amount of natural resources it utilizes, the sustainability of those resources and the pollution caused by the extracting the raw material, and the manufacturing, assembly, packing and delivery of each product to market.

- Use truly green products and materials (ask questions and do your research)
- Remodel within your existing footprint, whenever possible
- Maintain items whenever possible, rather than replace
- Purchase only Energy Star®-rated appliances
- Install low-flow showerheads and toilets
- Consider a tankless water heater
- Use wood, paint, sealant and cleaning products that are non-toxic
- Install better ventilation systems to improve indoor air quality
- Schedule a blower door test to identify where your home is not airtight
- Seal off drafts, insulate and install a programmable thermostat
- Install high efficiency windows and doors
- Use dimmers and energy efficient bulbs to reduce electricity consumption
- Research energy efficiency to learn how you can reduce your need for natural resources

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Reduce energy consumption and save money



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Creating an Energy-Efficient Home

High energy use not only has environmental impacts but it can hit you personally in the pocketbook. Here are a few suggestions that can help you reduce energy consumption in your household:

Water Conservation

- Fix water leaks, take shorter showers and wash clothes in cold water
- Try setting your water heater at 120°
- Water lawns in the morning to avoid evaporation
- Use a broom rather than the hose to clean off walkways, patios and other outdoor areas

Fireplace

- Keep your fireplace damper closed unless you have a fire going. An open damper can let as much as 8% of your heat go out the chimney

Reduce/Reuse/Recycle

- "Pre-cycle" by purchasing products in recyclable containers
- Use cloth towels in the kitchen rather than paper towels
- Stop unwanted junk mail by removing your name from mailing lists

Air Conditioner

- Don't place lamps or TV sets near your air-conditioning thermostat. Heat from these items is sensed by the thermostat and could cause the air conditioner to run longer than necessary
- Don't set the thermostat at a colder setting than normal when you turn on your air conditioner. Your house will not cool any faster
- Keep out daytime sun with blinds or shades
- Clean or replace air conditioner filters regularly

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