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AFTER

Beautifully Organized

What do you get when a professional makeup artist is ready to remodel the master bath? A beautiful (and beautifully organized!) spa-inspired space!



BEFORE

After remodeling the kitchen a few years ago, the homeowners felt it was time to tackle the master bath. They loved the home's picturesque location just off Grays Bay in Wayzata and planned to stay in it for many years to come. They desired a customized space that would fit their needs both today and long into the future.

The master bath was clearly in need of updating. The finishes were dated and space wasn't being fully utilized (such as the soffit hanging over the vanity and the unused whirlpool tub). The floors were carpeted and the cabinetry was dark, and the whole area needed to be refreshed and elevated.

A professional makeup artist, the homeowner desired a custom vanity to organize and display her numerous cosmetics containers and jars. Items were currently being stored wherever they would fit, including on the whirlpool tub surround (left). In addition, the owners desired a steam shower and spa-like amenities such as in-floor heat and heated towel bars.

The result is a gorgeous master bath that completes the homeowners' vision for a refined, luxurious, bright and organized spa-inspired space.

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Vanity AFTER



Vanity BEFORE

Prior to remodeling, the cabinetry, walls and floor were very dark (left). The soffit over the vanity made everything feel cramped and lighting was inadequate. The carpeted floor was impractical for a bathroom.

Spa-Inspired Space

After remodeling, the space is light, clean and modern. Pocket doors with translucent panels separate each area and provide privacy and noise reduction. Sleek black porcelain tile with in-floor heat replaces the carpet, and the walls are covered with a unique and easy-to-clean textured vinyl wallcovering. The walk-in closet was upgraded as well with a new custom organization system.

“Terrific high-quality service. Great communication with our Project Manager and Production Supervisor. Very organized and friendly crew. Our new bath looks absolutely stunning. Thank you!” – Homeowners



Grab bars and bench seating in the shower are provided for ease and safety. A floating quartz bench outside the shower is perfect for sitting or just holding towels (left).

Luxury Steam Shower

Featuring a rainfall shower head and frameless glass door, the new steam shower completes the spa-like transformation. Details include ceramic tile walls, black porcelain floor tiles and an onyx mosaic tile shampoo niche with varied and textured color tones. Heated hanging towel bars are a simple yet luxurious upgrade.

Photos by Spacecrafting Photography



Shower BEFORE



Shower AFTER

Home Maintenance Q&A

Test Your HOME MAINTENANCE Knowledge!

While this quiz does not address every home maintenance project, it does provide helpful tips and reminders for chores you may have overlooked.

How often do forced-air furnace filters need to be changed?

At least every three months during the heating season.

What part of the faucet usually needs to be replaced when you have a water leak?

The washer.

Should you run hot or cold water through your garbage disposal?

Cold water.

How often should the moving parts of garage doors be oiled?

Every three months.

What tools can you use to unclog your drains?

A plunger and a plumber's snake.

What tool can be used to unclog a toilet?

Coil spring-steel auger.

What faucet part needs to be cleaned every three to four months?

Aerator — the screen inside the end of the faucet.

What can you use for traction on icy sidewalks, steps and driveways?

Cat litter or sand — never use salt because it damages the pavement.

Where should the fire in your fireplace be built?

On the andirons or grate, never on the fireplace floor.

What will prevent soot and add color to the fire in your fireplace?

Throw in a handful of salt.

Where should your firewood be stored?

Outside, away from your house and not directly on the ground.

What helps keep unpainted concrete floors easy to keep clean?

Concrete sealer.

What should you use to clean unpainted concrete floors?

A solution of 4 to 6 tablespoons of washing soda in a gallon of hot water. Mix scouring powder to the solution for tough jobs.

When can you clean hardwood floors with water?

When the floors have a polyurethane finish.

Do hardwood floors need to be waxed?

Hardwood floors that do not have a polyurethane finish probably will need to be waxed periodically. Use liquid or paste "spirit" wax.

What is the best polish for vinyl floors?

Water emulsion wax.

Why should noisy water pipes be fixed promptly?

The condition that causes noisy pipes may be accompanied by vibration that can cause fittings to loosen and leak.

Why should frozen pipes be thawed slowly?

Frozen pipes should be thawed slowly to prevent the formation of steam, which could cause the pipe to burst.

How often should your roof be inspected?

A qualified roofer should inspect your roof every three years.

What should be regularly checked on your security system?

The alarms and circuit breakers should be checked to make sure they are in working order and the sensors should be inspected one by one.

To ensure your safety, what household equipment uses batteries that must be checked regularly to make sure they are operable?

Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

What do you use to fill nail holes and cracks in plaster walls and gypsum wallboard?

Spackling.

What is the white powdery substance that develops on masonry walls?

Efflorescence sometimes appears on masonry walls. It is crystallized soluble salts that can be removed by scrubbing with water and a stiff brush.

At what temperature should your water heater be set?

120°F.

How often do skylights need to be inspected?

Skylights should be inspected each time your roof is inspected so leaks don't develop from cracks and interruptions around its seals, caulking and flashings.

What is a simple solution you can use to wash extremely dirty exterior windows?

A solution of equal parts vinegar and water or 3 tablespoons of denatured alcohol per quart of warm water. Use a piece of crumpled newspaper to wash the glass to avoid lint left behind by paper towels.

What can you use to help a window slide easily?

Rub the channel with a piece of paraffin.

What should you look for when you inspect your siding yearly?

Determine if wood-sided homes need to be repainted; check if the caulking around the windows and doors has split and cracked; clean the mildew; and trim shrubbery so it doesn't touch the siding. nahb.org



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Easy Energy Efficiency Tips

- **Wash clothes in cold water**
- **Use low-flow faucets and shower heads**
- **Install a programmable thermostat** to save up to 10% on cooling and heating costs
- **Close blinds on the sunny side in summer** to keep out the hot sun, and **open them in winter** to bring in warm rays
- **Turn off all lights, appliances and electronics** not in use
- **Change to new and improved light bulbs** to reduce energy use from 30% to as much as 80%
- **Look for the Energy Star label** on consumer products to save up to 30% on electricity bills
- **Clean or change filters** regularly; a dirty furnace or A/C filter will slow down air flow and make the system work harder to keep you warm or cool
- **Reduce water heater temperature** to 120°F to save money on heating

