

Sophisticated sanctuary

A remodeled master bath takes inspiration from classic luxury-hotel style

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BEFORE

➔ **A FOOLISH CONSISTENCY IS**, well, let's just say unnecessary when it comes to the look and feel of your home. Just ask Rick and Amy Steinhauser, who appreciate how their lodge-style home suits its lakeside setting in Plymouth, MN, but, as frequent travelers, also longed for a master bath with the fine finishes and luxury amenities they have enjoyed during hotel stays. Original to the 2003 house, the existing bath “was brown, woodsy, and dark,” says Rick of the 184-square-foot space. “We wanted a complete departure, something truly spa-like.”

So it was out with the rustic earth tones and in with a traditional black-and-white scheme by Minneapolis-based Edit Design Build Studio. The firm swapped a clunky corner tub for an undermount soaker finished with Carrara marble, and continued marble-look tile up the walls with contrasting black chair-rail and pencil-trim accents. The dim cave of a shower gave way to a frameless-glass-enclosed, no-threshold steam model. “We plan to live in the house until we’re carried out, so the walk-in will be more accommodating as we age,” says Amy. Ceiling-high custom cabinetry, generous mirrored vanities with built-in lighting, and the marble-look checkerboard floor are as practical as they are polished. But the Steinhausers didn’t stop there. “We refreshed our bedroom with paint and carpet to reflect the new bath,” says Rick. “Now we have the dramatic, elegant space we always wanted, and it all works together.”

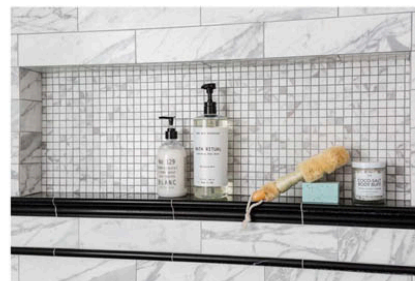
BEFORE Dated finishes included a corner tub that ate up space, and textured floor tile with hard-to-clean pits and divots.

AFTER Custom cabinetry with built-in mirrors and lighting, Carrara countertops, and marble-look wall and floor tile give the space a luxe feel. “We think it has the old-world glamour of a European hotel,” says Rick Steinhauser. *Tile: Atlas Concorde. Sinks and showerhead: Kohler. Faucets: Rohl*

The frameless glass shower enclosure visually disappears, making the bath seem even larger. The built-in bench and handshower add convenience now, and will make aging in place easier down the road.



The oversize niche—37 inches wide, 12 inches high, and 4 inches deep—keeps toiletries handy. Backing it in mosaic tile adds an extra design detail that ties in with the shower floor.



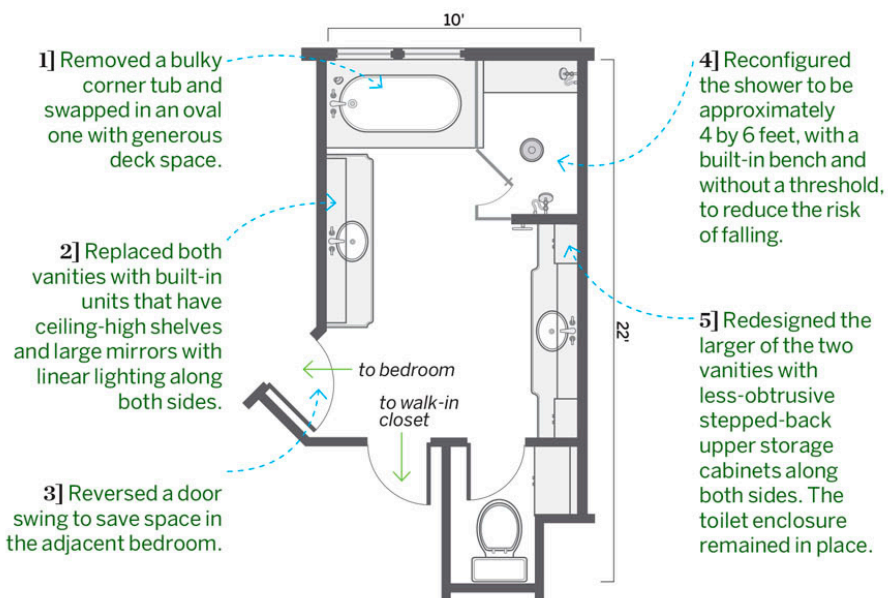
A no-threshold shower stall equals "No tripping hazard!" as Rick says. The transition to smaller floor tiles means more grout, improving drainage—and traction underfoot.



Homeowners Rick and Amy Steinhauser in the living room of their lodge-style house.

after

The layout stayed the same in the 184-square-foot space, with a slimmer tub and a larger shower



FLOOR PLAN: IAN WORPOLE