

2007 WBA Remodeling Awards

Project Category:
Bathroom Over \$30K

“Bathroom with a View”
Award Winning Project



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Although the original scope of this project was for the remodeling of the outdated, original 1980's master bathroom, it soon expanded to include cosmetic changes in the master bedroom as well as window and stucco siding replacement outside of the master suite. The original bathroom has only a small window and was cut up with a claustrophobic 3' x 3' shower module, poorly lighted vanity, and an overly tall half-wall separating the whirlpool from the toilet.

Before photos (top left & bottom left): The bathroom was dark and claustrophobic with a small window, dark wallpaper, overwhelming shadows and a miniscule shower.



After photos (right): The bathroom is bright and transformed into an open space with a stylish whirlpool, decorative tile pattern, and precise cabinetry details.



The clients knew that a larger shower and more contemporary finishes were appropriate. One of the remodeler's first suggestions was to enlarge the window looking out of the house overlooking the fenced backyard and acres of farmland beyond.





The cabinet designer created a furniture look to the cabinetry with use of bun feet and bumped-out base cabinets to each side of the single lavatory sink. Above the vanity top, tall cabinets with frosted glass doors provide storage for all of the everyday items, while framing the mirror running from backsplash-to-crown. The crown molding wraps around the two side cabinets and continues across the top of the vanity to further enhance the built-in look of the area.



An open linen cabinet was placed behind the entry door with a small puck light cut in to illuminate a decorative glass sculpture placed on the top shelf. Notice the location of the linen reflected in the vanity mirror.



The remodeler carefully planned the face of the whirlpool with the tile installer and the cabinet designer to allow for service access, matching the bull nose tile to the face of the cabinet, and installation of a tile toe kick under the whirlpool face. While the space is small by today's standards, we were able to fit in a maximum amount of function by carefully planning the shape of the cabinets, whirlpool, and tiled deck. The angled whirlpool face mimics the gentle curve of the Kohler Serif whirlpool, and also ties in functionally with the bump-in of the vanity cabinets to allow as much floor space as possible.



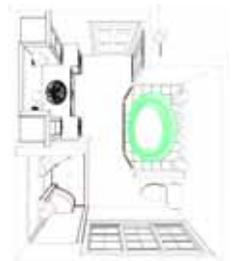
*Before (top):
The original whirlpool color was dated and it lacked the jets now standard.*

*After (right):
The new whirlpool has plenty of jets, and a handheld shower for bathing as well as relaxing.*



*Tile detail (right):
A decorative listello is integrated into the design bringing additional texture and color to the whirlpool.*

*Plans (below):
Space was at a premium in the small bathroom but is put to good use with a large shower and functional cabinetry with a distinct design flare.*





In comparison to the dark and claustrophobic original bathroom, lighting was carefully placed with two down lights above the vanity as well as two sconces cut into the mirror to provide even lighting and minimize shadowing. Two additional down lights are over the whirlpool, and all of the lighting is dimmable to suit our client's preferences.

An oversized yet economical 60" shower module was installed with a tile-texture finish, and four staggered body massaging jets coupled with a rainfall shower head make for an invigorating shower experience. An art glass shower door provides texture and ambiance to this design.





After: The master bedroom, once covered floor to ceiling in overwhelming wallpaper, has been transformed as part of the bathroom remodeling project. Just the right amount of the dynamic wall paper remains in the bedroom. The original window coverings and bedding are now accentuated against the gentle wall paint and the new chair rail and painted moldings.

Final Assessment & Results:

This project was not without its challenges as the project was delayed by cabinetry and counter top problems. It is never easy when clients are disappointed, especially repeat clients who are used to a high level of service. Luckily, during the project we were able to discover and repair several issues of urgency including rotted windows and deteriorating stucco-board siding outside the master bedroom, before this caused permanent damage to the home.

Ultimately, the issues were resolved and the project completed now reflects the vision of the clients and the remodeler.

Specifications of Note:

Tile:	Florida Tile Caldera 13x13" and 6 1/2 x 6 1/2", Wheat. Teatro Temli 1 1/2" x 13" multi-color listello.
Shower Door:	Basco Infinity 1713 with Heirloom glass and brushed nickel trim.
Shower Faucet:	Moen Kingsley in Nickel
Whirlpool:	Kohler Serif oval with Moen Kingsley faucet
Lavatory:	Kohler Serif with Moen Kingsley faucet
Vanity:	Dura Supreme Crestwood, Madison door, Paprika on Cherry with Charcoal glaze.
Tops:	Silestone quarts, Ivory Coast.