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Dream Kitchens and Baths

Before-and-after
projects from
Atlanta's remodelers

by Natalie Giddens

Photo by Maggie Meroney (Design by The Building Firm)

Bathroom by Small Carpenters at Large Inc.

Mid-range \$28,000
100 square feet



BEFORE:



GOAL:
Open up the
bathroom
and give it a
contemporary
style

Tired of their outdated bathroom, Marty and Kimberly Porter put remodeling it at the top of their home-improvement list. "It was pink, and I hated the color," Kimberly says. "It didn't flow well, and I was really concerned that someone was going to slip and fall."

After checking references with the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI), the Porters decided to enlist the help of Small Carpenters at Large.

"They wanted very clean and simple lines and wanted the space to feel as open as possible," says Amanda Johnson, designer for Small Carpenters.

The inspiration for the clean and simple lines was a contemporary pedestal sink

Kimberly purchased at Lowe's.

Small Carpenters began by opening up the linen closet and removing the walls up to the ceiling. In its place, a nook was created for the toilet. That change alone created the feeling of openness that everyone was aiming for.

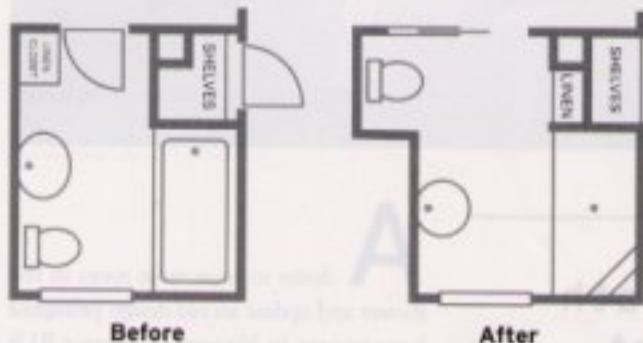
"Before, that space wasn't really functional, but just cutting off 13 inches really opened up the room," Kimberly says.

The tub/shower was replaced with a new shower, that has a traditional and a handheld showerhead. "It gives us so much flexibility," Kimberly says. "It's what I like best about the remodel."

Next, they replaced the double-hung window with a glass block, which provides privacy without window treatments and also reflects the contemporary style.

Small Carpenters created a wall shelf that has small cubbies to provide a clutter-free storage area. They also installed a matching linen closet on the opposite wall to help tie the look together.

The result of the project is a quality bathroom, both inside and out, and something the Porters are pleased with. "When we started, I didn't realize how involved this process is," Kimberly says. "I'm impressed and everything turned out very nicely."



- Corner bench and shelves:** Corian
- Mirror, wood shelf and linen cabinet:** stained maple custom cabinetry by Lockwood Custom Furniture
- Shower door:** Drexler Shower Door
- Tile and shower walls:** 3-by-3 Crossville Mosaic
- Faucet:** Grohe Tenso
- Sink:** Decolav with natural glass bowl
- Shower controls:** Grohe Relexa
- Toilet:** Kohler Wellworth
- Towel bars and toilet paper holder:** Ginger Hotelier
- Glass block:** Pittsburgh Corning