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PROJECT REVIEW:

Master Bath Refresh

Even though the year 2000 seems like yesterday, it has been over 20 years, and styles have changed quite a bit since then. In fact, a lot of homes we work on were built around 15-20 years ago.

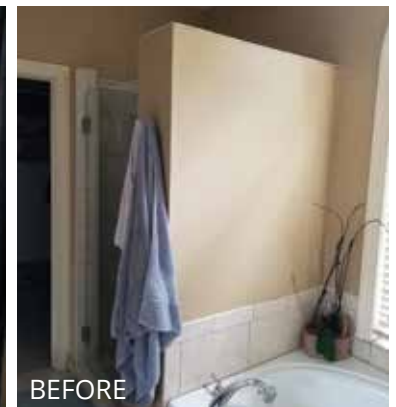
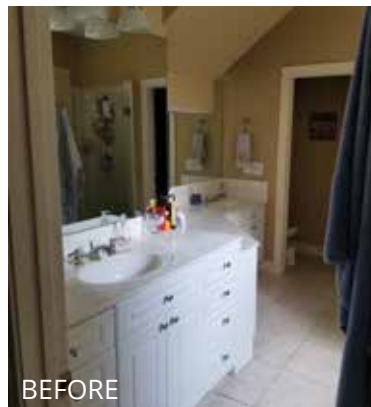
This master bathroom remodeling project is a great example of that.

There was one big challenge we had to work around when working on this project, a stairway that made for tricky ceiling and wall lines. We had to find a way to work around it to maximize the space.

Aside from that challenge, the project was pretty straightforward. We gave the homeowners some extra space and the ability to access the master closet from the bathroom, which allows for one person to get ready in the morning without waking up their significant other.

For the materials and design, we used natural wood cabinets to act as a clean contrast to the marble floors and stark white fixtures. We removed the wall that was separating the shower and replaced it with a partial wall and custom glass enclosure to open and brighten the space.

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Home Exterior Inspiration

When thinking about remodeling their homes, most people think about the interior. But the exterior of a home is just as important. It creates curb appeal and, more importantly, protects your home from the elements.

If your home's exterior needs refresh, here are some ideas to get the look you want:



Farmhouse

Paint: Farmhouses are known for having white or gray exterior paint. They tend to also have board and batten siding, which look elegant and add character.

Roof: A dark shingled or metal roof will contrast nicely with the light exterior paint and give you the farmhouse look you're going for.

Front Door: The front door on a farmhouse can be a large wooden door with lots of intricate details or a smaller door painted an unexpected color.



Craftsman

Paint: Think Earth tones when creating a craftsman exterior. Greens, greys, and browns are a great place to start.

Front Door: You'll want to install a front door with glass panes on the top third. This will give the home more character and make a great first impression.

Windows: Consider thick trim around your window to get the Craftsman look. Use white or off-white to make the trim stand out against the paint. The windows themselves should be double-hung with four or six rectangular grids.



Mediterranean Style

Paint: Bright white paint is the best way to make the home look like something from the Greek Islands.

Landscaping: Simple landscaping combined with bright flowers, like bougainvilleas, is a must-have for creating a Mediterranean-style exterior.

Roof: You need to have a tile roof in red or terra cotta to capture the Mediterranean style.

Front Door: You have options when it comes to the front door. You can go with the bright blue that is known for being used in Greek homes. You could also opt for a large, intricate wooden door that is more reflective of the Spanish-style Mediterranean.



Modern

Roof: Modern-style homes have flat, dark metal roofs, creating sleek lines and contrasting with the rest of the home's exterior.

Lighting: The exterior lighting on a modern home is unique. Look for long, rectangular-shaped light fixtures. These fixtures will give the house a nice glow at night while still looking chic.

Windows: For a modern style exterior. The bigger the windows, the better. Aluminum windows are a popular choice for a modern style home since they offer even sightlines and slim profiles, which is needed for a modern style home.

Which style would be best for your house? Let's discuss your home's exterior and how to bring it to life.

Make a Colorful Statement with Your Home's Exterior

Unique and bold exterior color combinations are all the rage right now. They give your home personality while staying up to date on trends.

Want to make your home stand out in a tasteful way that won't make the neighbors roll their eyes every time they pass your home? We've got some ideas to help you do just that!

Get Earthy

Earth tones are extremely popular for exterior colors. We like dark forest greens with tan or brown accents. We like to mix up wood siding with natural stone elements to really make the contrast pop.

Natural stone siding looks great and lasts longer than many other types of siding. The bonus is that it can increase your home's value.



Brighten Up

If you have a craftsman-style home, this trend is for you. A bright white trim against a bright color paint will make your home stand out from all the others. Bright blue, green, or yellow will give the home a unique look while still looking tasteful.

Add some colorful flowers around the home, and you'll have a home that looks like it's out of a storybook.

Get an Eye-Catching Front Door

It doesn't matter if your home is beige, brown, white, or hot pink; having a bold front door will draw in the eye and set the tone for the rest of your home.

We really like the look of a light gray home with a dark black or blue front door because it makes the house look elegant and inviting. But, there aren't any rules when it comes to color schemes for your front door. Red, green, or even yellow front doors can make a bold statement.

So, what color will you be painting your home? The bolder, the better! Give us a call, we would love to help.

What's the Best Siding for Your Home?

Sprucing up your home's exterior is a great spring and summertime project. Let's look at some options for exterior products.

There are quite a few options when it comes to exterior siding. Each type can create an entirely different look for your home.

Here are a few favorites:

Vinyl

It isn't what it used to be. Today's vinyl siding has a natural look to it – you'd never know unless you were up close – and it's super low-maintenance.

Wood

Nothing beats natural wood siding, and it comes in all colors and styles. But you have to love it. With the proper maintenance, it can last up to 100 years!



Fiber Cement Planks

This is fast becoming the most popular siding choice, and for good reason. It has the look and feel of natural wood, but it never needs painting. It's not inexpensive, but it will last forever.

Stone & Brick Veneer

Whether used as an accent or for the entire exterior, stone & brick are durable, low-maintenance, and will never go out of style.

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We also took out the bulky, outdated jetted bathtub and replaced it with a sleek, free-standing tub. The deep soaking tub not only looks more modern, but it's also so much easier to keep clean.

The highlight of this master bathroom remodel was the addition of heated floors. They make getting dressed on a cold winter morning so much more comfortable.

Overall, the project transformed a dated bathroom into a brighter, cleaner-looking space that our clients will love for years to come.



BEFORE



See The Complete Project

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