

# Redesigning a Small Bath



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**B**athrooms, regardless of their size, can be a real challenge to remodel. Whether the room is spacious or small, the key is in the redesign of the space to maximize utility while providing a beautiful place to freshen up before and after a hard day.

Ernie and Barb came to the Bath Barn needing to redesign their small master bath (see BEFORE photos below). A must on their list was to have a shower that was handicap accessible. Additionally, their toilet was very close to their vanity making an awkward space that couldn't be fully used. Not to mention the bath had slanted ceilings. The challenge for Cody Hoover, our designer, was to create a bath that would have a larger more functional shower, feel more spacious, and have a better design for the awkward spaces.

There was a small space with shelves beside the shower that was created due to the ceiling being



slanted. At the vanity there was an open space below the sink top that couldn't be used for much since the toilet was so close and the ceiling was slanted on that side of the room to match the shower side.

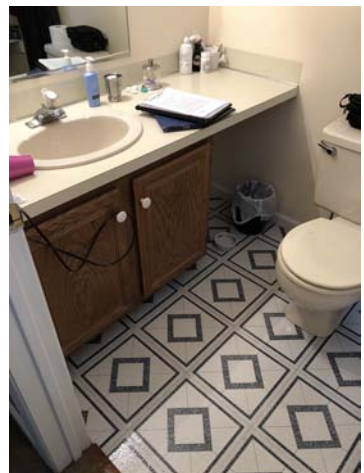
The only way to enlarge the shower was to embrace the slanted ceilings and use it to our advantage. This was done by creating a semi-custom shower.

A Kohler acrylic base was used for the floor with tile in a subway design for the walls and ceiling. A bench was added along with a heavy glass door and panel. This opened up the shower side of the very small bathroom. Beautiful shower fixtures from Delta's *Cassidy Collection* in a polished nickel finish that included a hand wand with a shower faucet with

adjustable temperature and pressure. Matching grab bars added to the safety and beauty of the shower.

Across the room from the shower was the vanity and mirror with the toilet right in the center. To open this space, Cody reduced the depth of the vanity and added open shelves to the empty space beside the vanity. The Oval mirror and side lights added a beautiful current design to the vanity area along with the quartz vanity top and undermount sink.

Another small design change that made a big impact to the spacious



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Homeowners,  
Ernie & Barb



The couple love their new bath and had a great experience. Even though there were some bumps in the road, all things were taken care of right away. Ernie said “Cody caught things that they weren't even aware of and had them changed.”

A transformation happened when all the small details were put together to create the feel of a much larger bath with the flow and function that the couple was hoping for.

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feel of the bath was replacing the two-piece toilet with a compact style one-piece comfort height elongated toilet. Kohler's *San Souci* provides a toilet with great functionality and clean lines to add to the overall beautiful look of this bath.

Another added feature was to remove the swing door and install a sliding barn door at the entrance to the bathroom—a beautiful effect that saved valuable space!



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