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MAKEOVER MASTERPIECE

Not all homeowners envision a deep soaking tub or a whirlpool bath when they think about how they would like to remodel their master bathroom. Some people recognize that their lifestyle rarely provides time for soaking in a tub. What they really long for is a luxurious shower with all the bells and whistles.

It was the desire for just such a shower that inspired this master bath

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Announcing Tibma's Healthy Home Series

Tibma Design/Build is celebrating the new year with an exciting series of ten eArticles and five FREE monthly seminars focusing on how you can have a healthy home! There are so many ways your home can contribute to good health and safety for you and your family—and we know that's important to you. You won't want to miss a single one of these informative seminars.

Our first seminar will help you answer the question "Is the Air in My Home Healthy?" It will be held Tuesday, January 26 at 7:30 pm at the Wellesley Public Library. We encourage you to save the date now on your calendar.

Prior to each seminar, we are also providing supplementary articles with up-to-the-minute information on the same topic via email. If you would like to receive this helpful information, please visit our website at www.tibmadesignbuild.com and sign up today.

Best wishes to you and yours for a healthy and safe new year in 2010!

Dan Tibma, President



MAKEOVER MASTERPIECE

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transformation. The existing circa-1980s bathroom once consisted of a tiny pre-fab shower, a separate bathtub, and a vanity topped by the usual plastic laminate—all in pastel hues.

The design challenge was to incorporate a large, walk-in shower in the existing footprint while keeping the vanity layout much the same. This was successfully accomplished by constructing the new shower within the area formerly occupied by the tub and closet, while the space that housed the original shower became storage.

Shimmering blue glass tiles and iridescent accent pieces, along with a rich black granite seat, combine to make an impressive design statement in the zero-threshold shower. Radiant heat in the floor and the bench seat provide relaxing warmth. Kohler's DTV digital interface offers a plethora of amenities, including one-touch access to any pre-determined combination of body sprays and water temperatures desired. Two fluted glass block windows flood the shower with natural light.



Photos: By Dan Feldkamp of Visual Edge Imaging (www.visualedgeimaging.com)



The skillful use of faux finishes and other unique materials has transformed the entire master bath, including the existing vanity area, into a visual masterpiece. This includes black matte laminate on the cabinetry, silver hardware and accents, and black tile on the floor. Significantly adding to the dynamism of the space is the 6' x 4' ceiling "mirror" made of mylar—the same substance used for balloons, except with a much higher reflective value. Mylar provides the look of a true glass mirror, yet without the safety and maintenance concerns.

The master bath is particularly breathtaking in the evening, when the ambient and track lighting installed in the ceiling and floor softly reflect off the mirrored surfaces. And to make certain one never has to leave these wonderful surroundings, there is a large flat-panel television on the wall and a refrigerator built into the vanity cabinetry. ■

A TASTE FOR *Wine*

Recent surveys show that Americans are drinking more wine than ever before. The increasing number of domestic wineries has made wine more accessible, as well as less expensive, than in the past. In addition, news reports about the health benefits of resveratrol, an antioxidant compound found in the skin of grapes, have increased the consumption of red wine.

Where are people drinking wine? The growing trend is for having wine available for casual entertaining at home. Accompanying that trend has been an increase in the number of people who are including undercounter refrigerated wine cabinets or temperature-controlled wine rooms in their homes. Whether wine is enjoyed along with a meal or served at a party, it is important to keep the beverage at the proper temperature and humidity so it remains in peak condition.

The thoughtful design of this wine room provides storage space for a variety of wines. For example, the table wine is stored horizontally with a slight downward slant to keep the cork moist, whereas the fortified wines are stored upright. Restaurant-style wall cabinets with clear glass doors offer protection for the most valuable wines. Including wine cubes, as well as installing wine racks of varying depths, helps accommodate bottles of all sizes and shapes. The wine room is cooled

with a Vinotheque WhisperKool self-contained unit. Immediately outside the room's glass entry doors is a tasting area perfect for an intimate gathering of friends. ■



Photo: by James F. Wilson



Photo: Courtesy of Timberlake Cabinetry (www.timberlake.com)

The cabinets are Timberlake Yellowstone in Cherry Chocolate.

New Product Introductions

Easy Does It

The ioDigital Shower system by Moen provides an uncomplicated, easy-to-use electronic interface that allows homeowners to quickly and accurately set their preferred combination of water temperature and flow. The system includes four programmable presets. ioDigital technology is powered by an electronic valve that manages the hot and cold water supply, virtually eliminating any noticeable fluctuation in water temperature—even if the water is turned on in other parts of the home. LEDs indicate when the shower matches the settings, and will even alert the user if the hot water supply happens to run low. ■



Photos: Courtesy of Moen (www.moen.com)

Tibma Design/Build Wins 2 CotY Awards!

We are pleased to have been presented two 2009 Contractor of the Year (CotY) Awards by the Eastern Massachusetts chapter of NARI (National Association of the Remodeling Industry.) André Tippet, former New England Patriot and member of the Pro-Football Hall of Fame, was a superb host for the awards ceremony.

The annual CotY awards program recognizes outstanding remodeling projects completed by NARI members. We take pride in receiving these awards, as they recognize the dedication and caring that goes into each one of our projects. We sincerely thank our entire team, which includes our highly talented craftsmen, our subs and our vendors without whom we could not have achieved this honor. The awards also salute the wonderful clients who gave us the opportunity of working on their beautiful homes.



L-R: André Tippet, Dan Shaw, Mary Tibma, Mike DiGirolamo, and Dan Tibma



We received the Gold award in the Entire House— Condo category. This condo remodel transformed a characterless residence into an elegant contemporary home. Unnecessary hallways, closets, fireplace, whirlpool and shower were removed to maximize square footage and make each room more substantial. Tibma Design/Build raised the ceiling height and installed marble-like tile and moldings throughout most of the home.

"I'm really pleased—it's beautiful! I enjoy being creative, and I like the way Tibma worked with me to reach my vision for my home. They were very pleasant to work with, willing to move walls to accommodate my furniture pieces. The photos don't even begin to show how impressive the transformation is. They don't do it justice."

—Our satisfied client, Gold Award



We were given the Silver award in the Residential Kitchen \$100,001 to \$150,000 category. This kitchen is now the hub of the home with the addition of a breakfast bar and the incorporation of an adjacent sitting area. The cherry base cabinets in a natural finish provide delightful contrast with the white painted cherry wall cabinets. The product and color selections bring a contemporary energy into a traditional style home.

"We did a lot of research, looking for a firm with skill in design as well as in building. We found Tibma's website, and realized they were just what we wanted. We asked them to quote on a kitchen upgrade, but ended up asking them to do some work on every room in our home. Tibma accommodated everything we added to our project along the way, and still got it done on time and on budget. The quality of their work is fantastic! We are thrilled about the CotY Award. It just proves we made the right choice."

—John Stephenson, Silver Award



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